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1/3 Snelgrove funeral

1/5 Kikuchi met with 1st Pres. "We had written to Elder Kikuchi and asked that he come to Salt Lake City for six months for instructions and further training as a new member of the First Quorum of Seventy. He very graciously accepted his new call and has sold his business interests since his call in October and is prepared now to give full service in the Church."

MEP re Nauvoo

1/6 Visited person in hospital; saw Dr. ELW at SL Clinic

1/10 very tired, did not meet with comm. on expenditures

VP Walter F. Mondale and Sec. of Interior Cecil Andrus pd courtesy call on 1st P.

1/11 Discussed temple for San Diego; proposed news statement about new temple in SANDY, Utah.

1/12 Senator Edward Brooke of Mass called on 1 P, speak at BYU

1/18 with ETB, MEP, BKPacker and BRMcC about Historical Dept.

1/19 dinner with Oaks, attended BYU basketball game while Camilla went to Shakespeare, The Tempest.

1/20 discuss with Hunter acquisition of property in Jerusalem. See Dr. Cowan.

1/24 Dr. Sontag came in; Rabbi Bergman about 30th anniversary of Israel. Lion House dinner of temple group. Des.Mgmt Corp. meeting

1/25 with GBH, BKPacker and G. Homer Durham about Hist.Dept

1/26 went through regular temple session with members of his stake

1/27 Bonneville Int.Corp. meeting; see dentist

2/1 with GBH, BKP, GHDurham on Hist.Dept

2/3 with GBH, BKP, GHD on Hist.Dept

2/5 to Ricks to talk

2/8 dedicated office bldg 47 E. South Temple, built 1917 but never dedicated because JFSmith's illness at that time and 1918 flu epidemic at the time.

2/14 dizzy, ELW came to check over; rested and felt better

2/15 "This evening on my way home went by way of the LDS Hospital to see Brother Roy Simmons and Brother Noble; but after seeing them, word must have spread that I was in the hospital and about twenty others requested that I stop in to see them, which I did."

blessings





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- 2/16 viewed BYU movie The Mailbox  
 2/17 Dale Tingey brought Ruth Poladca and some family members. "It was surely good to see her again."  
 2/19 to Provo to hear Jan Eyring report mission [Most days are filled with meetings and people in to see him, either on official business or courtesy calls by notables or friends and plain members.]  
 2/24 with GHDurham and LP re Hist.Dept.; dentist  
 2/27 work on income tax reports  
 2/28 dinner with Cannon-Hinckley study group at Lion House  
 3/1 Des. Mgmt Corp meeting  
 3/2 Minuteman Award Banquet at Ft. Douglas  
 3/4 90th birthday of USU, banquet and program held in SLC  
 3/8 interview with John Dart of LATimes (better part of an hour); visit with Durham  
 3/9 attended Primary centennial musical play "Aurelia"  
 3/10 performed two sealings (of distant relative and friend of the relative)  
 3/12 Provo Temple, new presidency, [REDACTED]  
 3/13 to Provo for birthday party for Mary Eyring  
 3/14 dentist  
 3/15 family dinner  
 3/16 sealing  
 3/19 hear Tom Mack report mission to Guatemala  
 3/20 news conf. to announce 2nd World Conf. on Records to be held in SLC 1980  
 3/22 publication of "Marriage" with two talks--"John and Mary" and "Marriage and Divorce"; work on conference talks; dinner honoring S.Dilworth Young and his authorship of "The Long Road"  
 3/24 Bonneville I.C. meeting; to Provo for performance of Robert Cundick's The Redeemer  
 3/25 work on conf. talks  
 3/27 same; worked on taxes  
 3/28 83rd birthday, "I did not do anything special." To Provo for dedic. of Monte L. Bean Life Science Museum (NET gave address and prayer), lunch at BYU, then return to SLC  
 3/29 practice with teleprompter; dinner for NET, "Giant in our City" award  
 3/30 moved to Hotel Utah until after conference  
 3/31 RR seminar; rehearsed with teleprompter  
 4/1 spoke at Welfare, first general, and priesthood sessions; announced calls of Poelman, Cuthbert, Backman, and Reeve  
 4/2 spoke at closing session; set apart 2 of 4 new Seventies.  
 4/3 courtesy call of Itzah Rabin, former Prime Minister of Israel; returned to own home.  
 4/4 GA social

BS wheat?

1/16 viewed BYU movie The Mailbox  
1/17 Dale Lindsey brought Hugh Johnson and family  
members. "It was surely good to see her again."  
1/18 to prove to heart Jan Hyatt's report mission  
(Most days are filled with meetings and people in to  
see him, either on official business or courtesy calls  
by members of friends and plain members.)  
1/19 with Johnson and 12 to visit Hyatt's daughter  
work on income tax returns  
1/20 dinner with Johnson-Hickley study group at home  
1/21 Dear Miss Mary meeting  
1/22 Ministerial Award Banquet at St. George  
1/23 10th birthday of Jan, banquet and program held in  
home  
1/24 interview with John Park of Brigham Young Univ.  
of Salt Lake; visit with Johnson  
1/25 attended primary sacramental meeting play  
"Daniel"  
1/26 performed two meetings for district extensive and  
friend of the family)  
1/27 wrote Temple, new presentation  
1/28 to prove to heart Jan Hyatt's report mission  
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- 4/5 open bids for Seattle temple  
 4/6 ELWilkinson died unexpectedly  
 4/8 flew to LA and drove to Long Beach  
 4/9 spoke to seminary students in So.Cal. area; flew to SLC  
 4/10 funeral for ELW at Assembly Hall; visited MGRomney in hospital after cataract operation  
 4/11 discussed proposal to move statue of BY 1/2 block north  
 4/12 discussion of deductability of contributions to missionaries 9/13/78  
 4/13 Cosic discuss missionary work in Yugoslavia by the few members there, where we cannot now have full time missionaries  
 4/14 met with stake presidents of SL area about funds for Jordan River temple; visited MGR and Robt.L Simpson in hospital  
 4/16 to Las Vegas for special youth conference (attendance 7000+ from 6 stakes); returned to SLC  
 4/18 another meeting with Cosic  
 4/19 to airport to meet Phyllis  
 4/20 family dinner  
 4/21 2 sealings (one was Thatcher C Jones); 2 wedding receptions and premier performance of musical III Nephi  
 4/23 [redacted]  
 couples in SL Temple; oratorio "Elijah" in Tabernacle  
 4/25 1P met at MGR's home; temple group dinner  
 4/27 sealing  
 4/30 spoke to 13,000 at USU  
 5/3 1P met w. Robert D. Hales and Special Affairs Committee; ETB and MEP joined later; saw Dr. ELW about "some minor difficulties"  
 5/4 7:30 appointment to give sealing power. "Met with my counselors for an hour and then went over to the temple for our monthly meeting with all of the General Authorities. It was after three o'clock this afternoon before we returned to the office after our meeting in the temple."  
 5/6 attended Lamanite Conference in Bountiful  
 5/9 NET 80th birthday party at 2 p.m.  
 5/10 "massage...makes me feel better" [massage reported several times before in previous months of 1978]  
 5/12 considered sketch of Jordan River Temple; discussed Wheat Fund with Wilford Kirton, Marian R. Boyer, and Pres. Bprc; left for Phoenix for Mesa Centennial  
 5/13 return from Phx. "very tired and weary."  
 5/18 marriage for Eldred G. Smith and Hortense Child; mother of George P. Lee visited with several of her daughters and grandchildren--rare for her to leave reservation in NM.  
 5/19 Cherokee leaders met with 1P; Utah PTA convention--honorary life member  
 5/23 drawings of Jord.R. Temple; met about Tokyo

4/15 open bids for Seattle temple  
4/15 LIAISONSHIP died unexpectedly  
4/15 flew to LA and drove to Long Beach  
4/15 spoke to secondary students in SoCal area; flew  
to SLC  
4/15 funeral for NW at Assembly Hall; visited  
Mormon in hospital after cardiac operation  
4/15 discussed proposal to move statue of BY 2/3  
block north  
4/15 discussion of desecration of cemeteries by  
missionaries  
4/15 spoke discuss missionary work in Yonkers by  
the low number there, where we cannot now have full  
time missionaries  
4/15 met with state presidents at 31 area about 1980  
for Jordan River temple; visited NW and Karl J. Skogren  
in hospital  
4/15 to Las Vegas for special youth conference  
1978-1981 from 8 weeks; returned to NW  
4/15 another meeting with Louis  
4/15 to airport to meet Myrtle  
4/15 family dinner  
4/15 1 wedding; 1 wedding; 1 wedding  
wedding and wedding performance of musical 111 songs  
4/15 [redacted]  
4/15 in hospital; returned within 10 days  
4/15 in NW's home; people group dinner  
4/15 ending  
4/15 spoke to 11,000 at BYU  
4/15 in NW's home; NW and Special Advisor  
Committee NW and NW joined later; saw Dr. NW about  
"some minor adjustments"  
4/15 11:30 appointment to give sealing power; met with  
my counselors for an hour and then went over to the  
temple for our monthly meeting with all of the General  
Authorities. It was after three o'clock this afternoon  
before we returned to the office after our meeting in  
the temple.  
4/15 attended Japanese conference in Honolulu  
4/15 met with advisory party at 3 p.m.  
4/15 "wonderful" report on "real progress" language  
reported several times before in previous months of  
1978  
4/15 consisted of Jordan River temple;  
discussed meal time with Wilford Eldon, Warren F.  
Jensen, and Peter. Spoke last for temple for NW  
4/15 returned from NW "very tired and weary."  
4/15 married the third of Smith and Barbara Child;  
mother of George F. had visited with several of her  
daughters and grandchildren; time for her to leave  
residence in NW  
4/15 Jordan temple met with 11:30 NW  
4/15 discussion - however life needed  
4/15 departure of Jordan temple met about 1980



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Temple

5/24 viewed film on Indian matters

5/26 lunch with Bonn.Intl Corp.

5/27 work on talks for Hawaii Temp. reded. &amp; area conf.

5/31 report by GHDurham on Hist. Dept; toured new visitors center on Temple Sq.; dinner with temple group

6/1 "After meeting with my counselors for an hour this morning from eight until nine o'clock, we went over to the temple and met with all of the General Authorities in the monthly meeting we hold together.

"Returned to the office for a few minutes and then went over to Temple Square for the dedication services of the new Visitors Center South, which was scheduled to commence at 3:00 p.m. (See attached copy of program.)

"The services lasted for about an hour, after which we returned to the office where I worked at my desk until six o'clock."

[This is the whole entry, except for attached program.]

6/2 BIC meeting; meetings with BKPacker 15 min., Victor L. Brown, MRMcConkie 30 min.; to BYU for youth conf.

6/4 to Provo to bless Steve Mack's baby

6/8 interview with G.Homer Durham

6/9 "This morning at seven o'clock by prior arrangement met in the upper room of the Salt Lake Temple with all of the General Authorities to consider with them the matter of giving the Priesthood to all worthy male members of the Church.

"After our meeting returned to the office and released the following letter concerning giving the priesthood to all worthy male members of the Church: (See copy of letter.)

"Immediately following the release of this announcement the telephones started to ring and rang continuously the balance of the afternoon. People, members and nonmembers, called from around the world to learn if what they had heard on the radio and TV was true.

"The First Presidency met with the Presiding Bishopric at 10:15 a.m. which was much later than usual due to our meeting in the Temple.

"At 11:00 a.m. the First Presidency met with a Mr. Ron Smith of Newsmaking International.

"This afternoon at 2:30, President David P. Gardner of the University of Utah brought Dr. Franklin, a black man, in to meet me and came into my office for a short visit.

"Had appointments with several of the General Authorities this afternoon on matters they needed to discuss with me. Also my counselors and I met with the Missionary Committee and then later with Brother Heber G. Wolsey and Wendell J. Ashton.

"It was a very busy day today and did not get away

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from the office until six o'clock tonight."

6/10 worked on talks for Hawaii; symphony concert "tribute to the Tabernacle" in thanks for making Tab. available, w/o charge, to the Utah Synphony for over 30 years.

6/11 to Honolulu; conf. with Kauai Hawaii Stake.

"On the 11th of June we took plane to San Francisco and Hawaii....One good brother approached with two sons about eleven and twelve and a little later his wife, a colored black lady, a member of the Church, but they had heard of the change of policy of the Church toward the black people and she was weeping copiously. She indicated that the day before when they had heard the news that the black people would now be given the privilege of the gospel, she had wept all day long, so grateful was she. This is true of many people, both white and black, who have indicated that they wept all day when they had heard the enlightening news."

6/19 returned to SLC

6/20 Kimball family reunion at Olympus H.S., tired from Hawaii trip, so did not stay long after addressing the group.

6/27 to Nauvoo via Chicago for dedication of statuary park honoring women

6/30 left Nauvoo, to Chicago

7/1 to St. Louis

7/2 missionary meeting; dedication of stake center; stopped at former church locations SWK knew during mission; returned to SLC

7/5 HWHunter reported on real estate matter in Israel

7/7 discussion with Faust, Maxwell and Steve Smoot on possible missionary work in Russia; saw Dr. Cowan

7/9

7/10 see Dr. ELW

7/12 announced release of YW presy and new presy, Elaine Cannon, Arlene Darger, and Norma Smith

7/13 to Durango, Colo. for Beneficial Life convention

7/15 return to SLC

7/18 interview with Time writer; Warren Burger visited 1 1/2 hours; attended Days of '47 rodeo at Salt Palace

7/20 Faust and Stone re Sao Paulo temple; flew to Phoenix and then to Snowflake for centennial

7/22 returned to SLC; attended Days of '47 Territorial Ball in Hotel Utah

7/23 to Ogden, Weber State, to talk at Ogden Pioneer Days

7/24 rode in parade; luncheon with SUP

7/26 Faust and Stone re Sao Paulo temple; recording for filmstrip "The Kingdom of God" to be used in 1979 gen'l prhd meeting of church; see Dr. Ned Mangelson; left for Seattle by train in special car provided by UP RR for Eyring family reunion

7/27 arrived in Seattle by train evening

from the office until six o'clock tonight.  
8/10 worked on radio for Hawaii; sympathy concert  
"tribute to the late" in tanks for making the  
available; who change, so the Utah Synagogue for over 30  
years.  
8/11 to Honolulu; cool, with Hawaii State.  
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white and black, who have indicated that they were all  
day when they had heard the enlightening news.  
8/12 returned to SLC.  
8/13 Kimball family vacation at Glenwood, N.H.; lived  
from Hawaii trip, so did not stay after addressing  
the group.  
8/14 to Denver via Chicago for dedication of new  
park housing women.  
8/15 to Chicago.  
8/16 to St. Louis.  
8/17 missionary meeting, dedication of new center;  
attended at former church location NW from during  
mission; returned to SLC.  
8/18 returned to SLC; reported on trip; returned to SLC;  
8/19 discussed with Kimball, Kimball and Steve Wood on  
possible missionary work in Russia; saw Dr. Evans  
[redacted]  
8/20 saw Dr. Evans  
8/21 announced release of W. Gary and new money.  
8/22 Kansas, Africa, Europe, and Hawaii.  
8/23 to Hawaii; 10th for Honolulu; 11th for Honolulu  
8/24 returned to SLC.  
8/25 interview with Tim Wright; Warren Burger  
visited 11/13; Burger attended days of 17; 18th at SLC  
8/26. 18th and 19th in the Pacific; 19th in  
Phoenix and then to Honolulu for conference  
8/27 returned to SLC; attended days of 17  
8/28 returned to SLC; 19th in Honolulu  
8/29 in SLC; 19th in SLC, so said at 19th dinner  
8/30  
8/31 to Paris; 19th in SLC  
8/32 Paris and SLC; 19th in SLC; recording  
for filmstrip "The Kingdom of God" to be shown in 1978  
and 1979; 19th in SLC; 19th in SLC; 19th in SLC;  
letter for Seattle by train to Seattle; 19th in SLC;  
8/33 returned to Seattle by train evening

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7/28 Eyring reunion at new Independence State Center  
 7/29 returned to SLC  
 7/30 to Manti to reorganize temple presidency;

7/31 preparing talks for area conferences and ded. of S. Paulo temple

8/2 Spec. Aff. Comm

8/3 BIC

8/4 to Columbia, SC for solemn assembly

8/5 solemn assembly and return to SLC

8/6

8/8 ETB came to office in wheelchair for first time since broken hip from accident with horse a few weeks ago; Dr. Mangelson

8/9 met with Bryan Espenschied; Dr. Wilkinson

8/11 Primary centennial dinner

8/15 lunch with executives of Reader's Digest about pamphlet inserts, readership reports, handling of responses to inserts 3 and 4, and possible other programs; report by Florence Jacobsen and Belle Spafford about their activities with international women's organizations they are affiliated with.

8/18 with Heber Wolsey from PublComm. re ERA; "read and handled the mail that seems to continuously come in ever-increasing amounts from all over the world."

8/19 Delbert Stapley died

8/21 worked on talk for Stapley funeral; to Ogden to visit "my good friends Agnes and Charles Lunt. Both of them have been in the hospital and are still not very well."

8/22 with counselors and Sp. Aff. Comm. on ERA; Stapley funeral; Ch. Office bldg closed in honor of Elder Stapley

8/24 wedding of Guy Simmons child

8/25 to San Antonio for solemn assembly

8/26 solemn assembly, return to SLC

8/29 interview with Lasse Hendriksen for Norwegian TV Network for documentary on Mormons

8/30 Interviews included Judge Christine Durham, recently appointed as the first woman district judge in Utah, and her husband; Major Gen. Richard Carr U.S. Air Force chief of chaplains; Elder F. Burton Howard re Mexico; saw film "Where Jesus Walked"; Brigham City Peach Days queen and attendants; Senator Orrin G. Hatch; and others unnamed.

8/31 Dr. Mangelson

9/1 to Kansas City; dinner with Wallace Smith; to Royals Stadium for baseball game (!!!)

Interview with Rod Allen, Kansas City TV reporter:

Not see pro. sports often, occasionally basketball; favorite sport; played in youth

9/2 see Church sites; meeting in municipal auditorium [area conference?] 10 stakes for dinner with leaders





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9/3 10-12 meeting in new Independence Stake Center for dedication

9/6 Des.Mgmt Corp. meeting

9/8 Monson and Kennedy reported on "a matter pertaining to Germany that had recently been assigned to them."; discussion with Joseph Ginot concerning a student center in Jerusalem; attended TV recording of Mormon Youth Symphony and Chorus and Burl Ives.

9/12 talked at BYU on "On My Honor" about standards; lunch at BYU with family

9/13 with Kirton and Edling re tax status of contributions to missionaries 4/12/78

9/15 G. Homer Durham made his quarterly stewardship report of Hist.Dept.

9/16 talk to women's fireside

9/19 Cannon-Hinckley Ch.Hist.Grp dinner

9/20 Mrs. Helen Boehm presented original plate with temple and seagulls painted on it; Jesse Stay from BYU took pictures for film in which will be shown the sign in office "Do It"; Jeff Holland and Bruce McConkie and Maxwell asked for help in preparing conference talks.

"It is a great help to get their thoughts and suggestions on some of the subjects I plan to talk about."

9/22 BIC

9/25 practice with teleprompter

9/26 dentist Dr. Matheson

9/28 talked with men to receive new calls

9/29 RR seminar

9/30 welfare session talk; Faust replace Stapley; new seventies; Tanner read 1P letter re prhd; new emeritus status--> Sill, Henry Taylor, Cullimore, Anderson, Bennett, Vandenberg, S.Dilworth Young; prhd session in evening

10/1 gave closing address

10/2 many visitors "These people who come from such great distances seem to carry a very sweet and humble spirit with them, and seem to appreciate so much the opportunity of coming here."; met Dr. Wilson (colored) and explained "we would move cautiously but surely into the work with the black people."

10/3 With Faust, Asay, DMKennedy, Brother and Sister Edwin Q. Cannon, JR., and Brother and Sister Rendell N. Mabey, "to discuss matters pertaining to Nigeria and work among the black people there."; social for GAs and wives.

10/5 Dr. Mangelson

10/6 discussion with Dr. Percy Collett, nonmember attorney with contacts in China. Possibility he could work out arrangement whereby church members could go to China as irrigation advisers.

10/11 not feeling well, cancelled afternoon appointments

10/13 performed wedding for dtr of friends; flu shots; "This evening about six o'clock as I went out my

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front door to talk with one of the security men, Brother Ian Thorpe, who has been waiting in his car across the street rushed over to see me and I invited him in. He stayed for about twenty minutes and insisted that I do something for him with regard to his marital problems."

10/16 after consulting counselors, arranged for Lear Jet bring infant of [redacted] from Ecuador to SLC for treatment

10/17 performance of Ballet West at opening of newly remodeled Capitol Theater

10/19 to D.C., installed new presy at temple; [redacted]

10/20 to London

10/21 reorg. temple presy; [redacted] left for So. Afr.

10/22 arr. Johannesburg

10/23 cultural program

10/24 area conf

10/25 to Buenos Aires for night

10/26 cultural program in Montevideo

10/27 area conf

10/28 to Buenos Aires, cultural program

10/29 area conf.

10/30 to Sao Paulo, temple dedication 1 session

10/31 temple dedication, 3 sessions

11/1 temple dedication, 3 sessions

11.2 dedication, 3 sessions

11.3 press conf, cultural program

11/4 area conf.

11/5 area conf., left by air

11/6 arr. NY, to SLC (2 days earlier than originally planned)

11/14 McOmbers, back from visit to Czechoslovakia, reported; discussion with several about area conferences in SAfr. and S.Amer.

11/15 Chamber of Commerce dinner

11/16 discuss name extraction program

11/18 to Seattle for solemn assembly and return to SLC after delay by snow storm

11/21 performed marriage

11/22 report by Monson on trip to E. Germany; ward dinner

11/25 marriage

11/27 went over plans for visit of Pres. Carter to SLC for special program honoring families; met Carter at airport and to program at Tabernacle

11/28 viewed videotape of 60 Minutes about religious groups' use of TV to spread message; met with Featherstone 1-2:15 and Asay from 2:30 to 3:15

"concerning the [redacted] problem in San Antonio. Also called President Archie M. Brugger of the San Antonio Texas East Stake and discussed this matter at length with him."; Dr. Mangelsen

11/29 discuss "a suggested temple in Germany"; further discussion with Pres. Brugger about [redacted]





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matter

11/30 consider offer of Dr. Percy Collett from Lakeland FL "to assist in doing missionary work in China" [see item at 10/6]

12/1 BIC

12/2 to Phoenix for performance of Lamanite

Generation

12/3 attended ward sacrament meeting; 140% attendance

12/4 returned to SLC

12/5 attended surprise birthday party for Mrs. Guy Simmons

12/7 Bishop Robert S. Morse, Episcopal bishop from Oakland, here to dedicate church in Logan, paid courtesy call; "Dan Dipty, my friend from India who has been living here in Salt Lake City, came into see me about some of the problems he has been experiencing. He feels he wants to return to India again." Camilla's birthday.

12/8 met with Dr. Collett, who presented some ideas of his regarding possible missionary work in China." [see 11/30]

12/9 to Oakland for solemn assembly (spoke 35 min.) and return to SLC

12/11 KSL / BIC Christmas party

12/13 pres. Helmut Hoffman of Westminster Coll. to talk about their financial problems.

12/14 discuss possible temple in Manila; 1P Xmas devotional

12/15 feeling ill, went home 1:30; carolers from Benef. Life came to sing

12/16 attended BYU nurse graduation held in SLC

12/17 sac.mtg in home ward; Tab. choir carolers

12/18 to Provo for Eyring family dinner

12/19 performed wedding for Haycock dtr; interview with Canadian TV; meeting to honor Spencer Palmer on his book; Beneficial party

12/20 to San Diego; dinner

12/21 press conf

12/22 visit navy ship; 15,000 attend meeting in stadium; football game;

12/23 to SLC

12/24 spoke in home ward

12/25 spoke at MTC (called Language Training Center then)

12/27 Arch Madsen reported on trip to India

12/28 Russell Nelson asked permission to publish something written about trip to So. Pacific for area Conf. a few yrs ago.

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end 1978





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Elder Carlos E. Asay brought to my office at 1:30 p.m. Brother and Sister John Augustus Osei, black members who are on the faculty at Brigham Young University. They are originally from Nigeria and recently assisted Brothers Mabey and Cannon in baptizing 293 black members in their homeland. They plan to return to Nigeria soon. I gave them a letter to carry back with them to the members in Nigeria. [January 24, 1979 Beloved Members: We greet you with affection and best wishes. We promise you great joy and happiness as you mature in this cause. Millions of members of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints bid you welcome. We encourage you to work closely with the official representatives of the International Mission of the Church, Brothers Rendell N. Mabey and Edwin Q. Cannon, in building the Church in that great land. I extend my blessing and pray for your continued spiritual development. God bless you, Faithfully yours, SWK]

Bk. Africa

1/25 dinner with prhd ldrs of Hunter East Stake

1/26 met with Lowell Durham of Des.Bk about paperback edition of Miracle of Forgiveness.

1/28 spoke to a stake special interest fireside and stake conference

1/29 Lybian delegation making tour of US gave Koran and silver plate

1/30 Dr. Mangelson

2/2 interview by D. Michael Quinn about JRC for biography; Des Mgmt Corp meeting

2/6 Ed Firmage asked about writing foreword to his book on Paul [He did not.] see 2/21 2/23

2/7 Russell Nelson came "to see if I would write the foreword to the book he has written on his life, which he plans to give to members of his family." Faust and Asay to discuss possibility of missionary work in Madagascar [He did] 2/27

2/8 went over to see family of Pauline Provol, next door non-Mormon neighbor who died the other day

2/9 to Hawaii for BIC convention; fog in LA delayed flight 2 hours; landed at Honolulu; after 1 hr stopover, Hawaiian Airlines to Maui, 4 p.m.; greeted by stake members with leis; to hotel

2/11 attended ward meetings in Kahului 1st Ward; special stake meeting held, spoke 50 minutes, over 1000 present





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2/13 walk along beach, back to hotel room. "Michael [Watson] and Claron [Swenson] read for about two and a half hours from my book, 'Spencer W. Kimball.' saw several whales along the shore near Lahaina.

2/16 return to SLC; it was snowing!

2/19 dinner with Osmond Family at RS bldg

2/20 visit with Joseph Gnat about missionary work in Egypt

2/21 "...meeting with Brother Edwin B. Firmage, who is writing a book and has desired that I write rather an extensive foreword for it. Spent some little time with him." *see 2/6, 2/23*

2/22 visit hospital to see Gordon Romney after auto accident; arranged with Florence Jacobsen for gifts and pictures SWK no longer has room for

2/23 Firmage in "to review further the proposed foreword for his book"; Stan Kimball in with suggestions for sesquicentennial

2/25 special fireside at Special Events Center at UU, est. 23,000 present

2/27 Nelson brought "a suggested foreword he has written for me that he would like approval to use in a compilation he has prepared on his life's story. He has written a very interesting account of his activities, some of which included experiences with me, *see 2/7* and I assured him I would be happy to read it and give him approval to use it." [[a fulsome foreword for a man to write about himself!!!] ; visit LeGrand Richards in hospital

2/28 Arthur came in for first time since Jan 11; he *6 wks.* will be able to start work a few hours a day

3/2 Durham in to talk about matter pertaining to Clayton jnls; visit with Graham Doxey about property in Missouri; dinner with BYU pres. Oaks and to see BYU production of "My Fair Lady."

3/7 DMC meeting; talked to YM presy and board and companions

3/8 Danny (Little Red) Lopez, LDS featherweight boxing champion made courtesy call [everyone is welcome, Indians, boys, boxers, govt leaders, reporters....] *churchmen*

3/9 Ida Romney died after weeks of illness and years of poor health; preview of Readers Digest inserts to be



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used; Graham Doxey and NET about property in Mo.

3/12 Ida Romney funeral

3/13 to Logan for rededication of Logan temple, 3 services

3/14 more rededication services of Logan temple

3/15 " " " , return to SLC after banquet

3/16 Greg Kite; Joe Eyring and Allen Cherry; Ranier family of Indians; John Balles, of Federal Reserve Bank of San Fr.; signed letters

3/19 worked on taxes and talks

3/21 report by MEP and TSM about proposed changes in Church Court section of Genl Handbook of Instructions; dentist and Dr. Wilkinson

3/22 Quinn Gardner and Henry A. Smith with material to use in genl conf. addresses

3/23 BIC meeting; Swedish ambassador

3/24 attended NCAA tournament games at UU; at Tab. award by Natl Assn of Basketball Coaches for Church's basketball program

3/28 "Among the visitors were General Thomas P. Stafford, Air Force deputy chief of staff, and General Guy L. Hecker. They were accompanied by General Murphy, Commander of Hill Air Force Base, and Mr. Dick McKenzie, also of Hill Air Force Base. Among the things they discussed was their concern for the MX missile. They also presented me with a set of miniature missiles now manufactured by Russia and the United States." family dinner for birthday at home.

3/29 met with all GAs, here for Conference (including LeGrand Richards); Utah Natl Guard dinner

3/30 spoke to RR; Wade McCree jr, Solicitor Genl

3/31 spoke at Welfare session 7 a.m. and first general session and prhd session; no new GAs or changes in auxiliaries

4/1 attended conf. and talked at closing session;

4/3 discussion of church in Poland; GA social





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4/6 met with Pres. Bprie and BRMcC to "discuss the possible publication of a pamphlet on the creation." Also met with Elders Howard W. Hunter and James E. Faust to discuss the possible purchase of property in Jerusalem. toured O.C. Tanner offices and plant

4/11 discussion with TSM of East Germany items

4/12 disc. Mexico Temple visitors center

4/13 discussion of the large number of manuals, handbooks, and audiovisual aids and their cost; "It was hoped that a considerable reduction as well as simplification could be made in all of the programs of the Church."

"..at 9:30 a.m. Elder Mark E. Petersen brought Brother Paul Cheesman to meet with us to show us the plate that Brother Cheesman had purchased in the Middle East recently."

marriage; attended Ice Capades

4/17 Meeting with Gov. Matheson, William N. Jones, and George Eccles arranged by Wm. N. Jones to ask Eccles for financial support for ?

4/18 marriage of J. LeRoy Kimball, whose wife died in Jan.

disc. property in Mo. with Graham Doxey

4/20 to Omaha for celebration of ending tolls of Mormon Pioneer Memorial Bridge, built in 1952

4/21 gave invocation and spoke at ceremonies for bridge; to SLC

4/24 study group

4/25 Camilla called very upset that Mary Eyring died at Caroline's; went home; returned to meet with Faust, Maxwell, Kennedy, and Steve Smoot about prospects of miss. work in Russia

4/28 funeral for Mary at SLValley Deaf Branch chapel

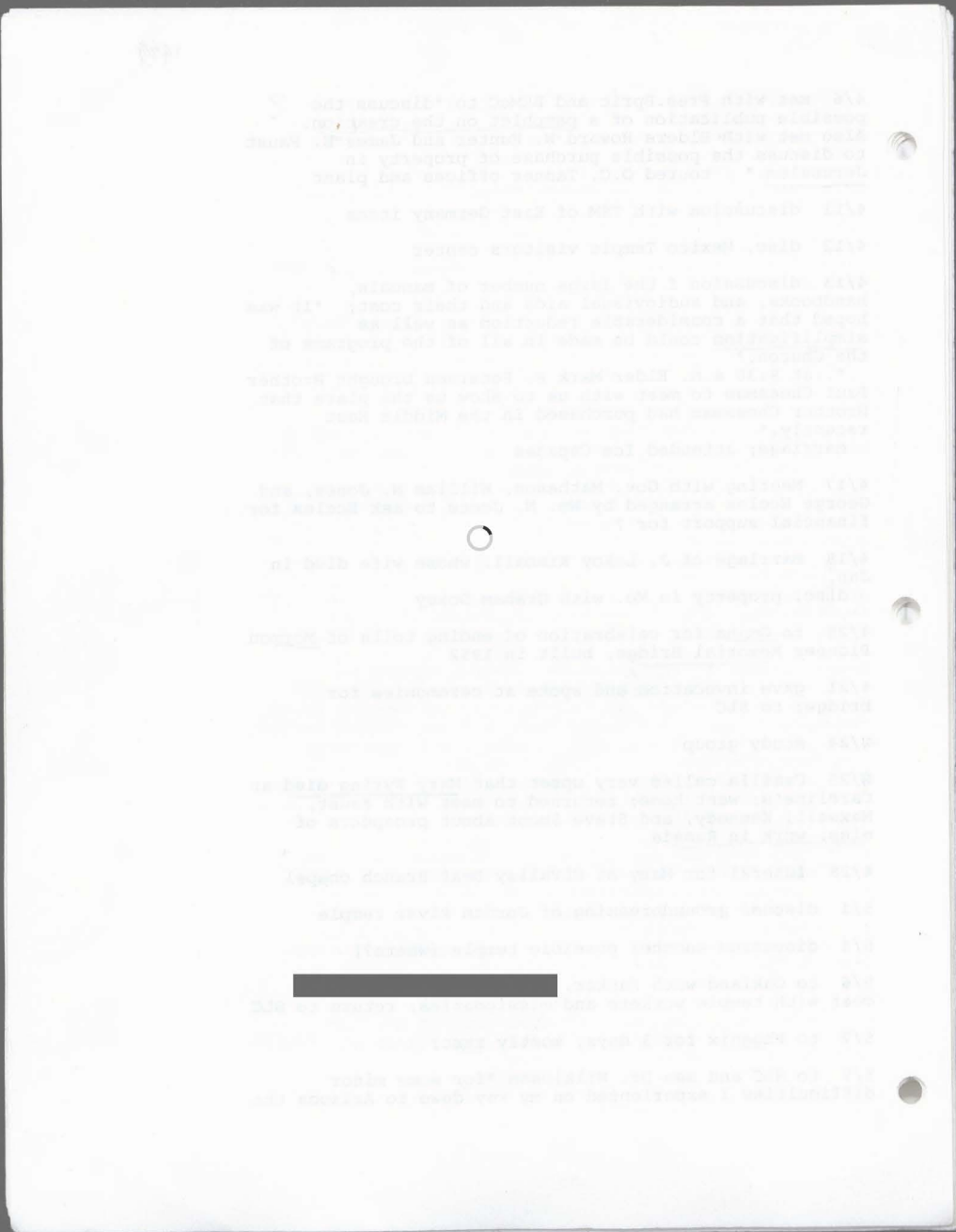
5/1 discuss groundbreaking of Jordan River temple

5/4 discussed another possible temple [where?]

5/6 to Oakland with Packer, [redacted] and meet with temple workers and missionaries; return to SLC

5/7 to Phoenix for 3 days, mostly rest;

5/9 to SLC and see Dr. Wilkinson "for some minor difficulties I experienced on my way down to Arizona the



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other day" *reception*

5/10 returned phone call to VP Walter Mondale regarding SALT agreement being discussed with USSR

5/13 to Logan with Packer and Haight, sp.bl. 14 cpls, to SLC

5/15 George Bush came, recently declared candidacy for Republican nomination for president; study group dinner

5/16 see Dr. ELW

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5/19 75 young people from Wellsville came to home to shake hands

5/22 temple group dinner

5/23 opening of bids for Jordan River temple

5/25 BIC

5/30 luncheon in which Mon.Pk Stake RS honored Camilla for her work in R.S.

6/1 Mother's birthday and BY birthday. to young Dr. Cowan; throat OK; to monument for arrival of last runners in Nauvoo to SLC 1450 mile relay run. They delivered batons to gov., mayor, and SWK; paid tribute to Mormon Trail; spoke to 150-200 BY descendants at Lion House. [SWK wrote this jnl entry and that for 6/3]

6/3 to LA through storm; 2200 people at temple;

*[REDACTED]* we rushed into the missionary meeting of the missionaries of the California Mission under President Briton McConkie. There were 200 or 300 present. We then went from there to the airport..."

Dr. Sonntag treated eyes, as every week.

6/4 Pres. Richard Lyman, of Stanford U., paid courtesy call [EK: Stanford cut off athletic competition with BYU some years before]

6/6 Interview with David Briscoe of AP for an hour;



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DMC; wedding reception

6/8 disc. property north of Chicago; Dr. Theodore M. Hesburgh, pres. of Notre Dame U. here to speak at UU

6/9 groundbreaking for Jordan R. temple

[trip to South covered by SWK's own and ~~Maurine~~ Haycock jnl's]

6/18 return to SLC; visit Dr. Wilkinson in hospital for heart surgery

6/19 spoke at HCK reunion

6/20 interview with Ray Ruppert, relig. editor of Seattle Times

6/21 disc. possible purchas of property near Chicago; dinner of American Academy of Achievement to present Golden Plate Award to Dr. Russell M. Nelson. Others received award on Sat, but special dinner was arranged for Thurs. so SWK could give it to Dr. Nelson.

6/22 spoke to new mission presidents

6/23 to Houston for area conf.

6/24 return to SLC

6/26 visit Dr. Wilkinson in hospital

6/29 Faust about trip to China

7/4 rode in Provo Freedom Festival parade as Grand Marshal

7/5 w. Graham Doxey re property in Mo.; attended Pageant of the Arts in Am.Fk

7/6 to hosp. to see Sao Paulo temple president after surgery

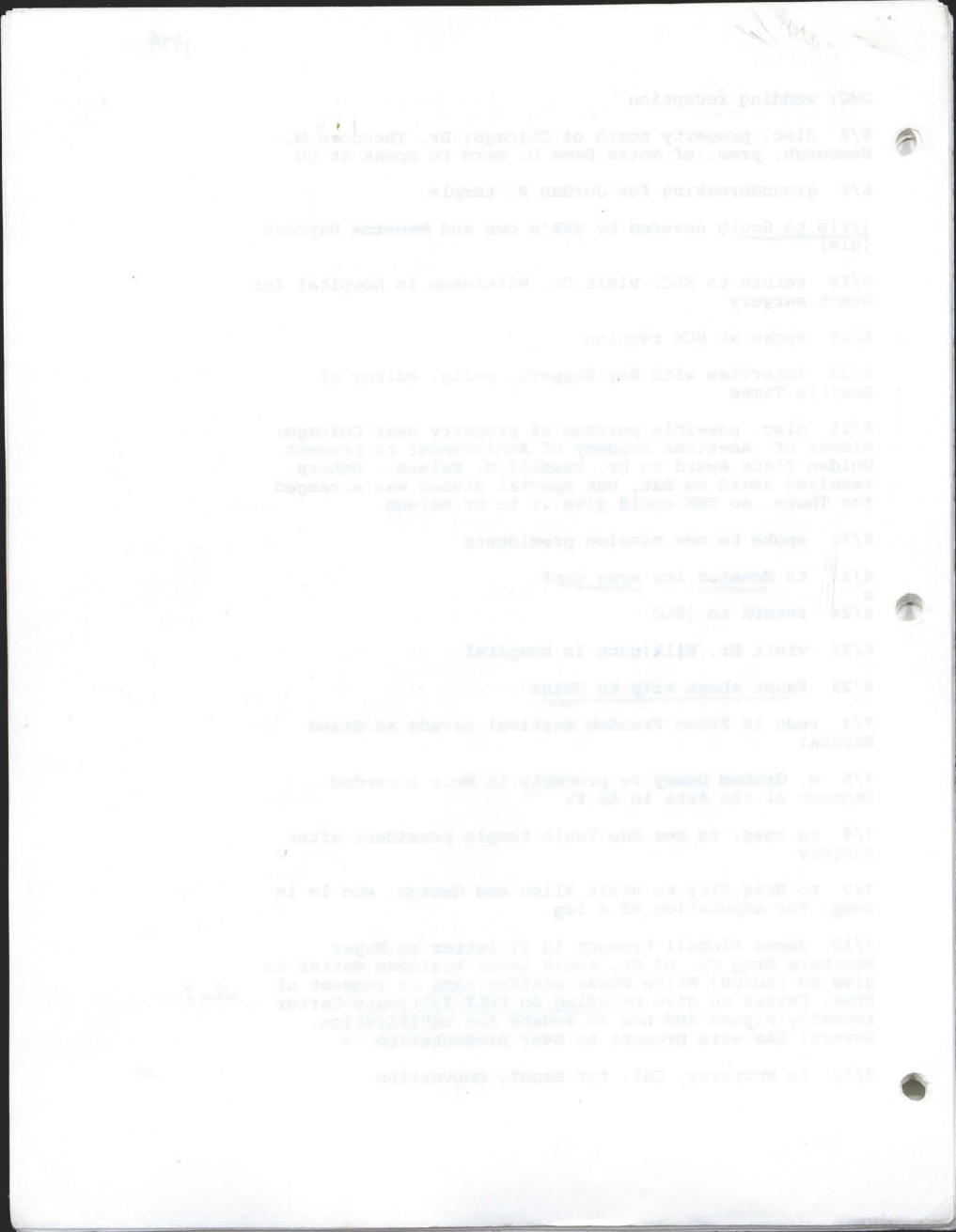
7/9 to Brig.City to visit Alice and George, who is in hosp. for amputation of a leg

7/10 James Kimball brought in BY letter to Meyer Brothers Drug Co. of St. Louis about business matter to give to Church; White House staffer came at request of Pres. Carter to give briefing on SALT II treaty Carter recently signed and now in senate for ratification. Several GAs were present to hear presentation

7/12 to Monterey, Cal. for Benef. convention

why?





*Journal*  
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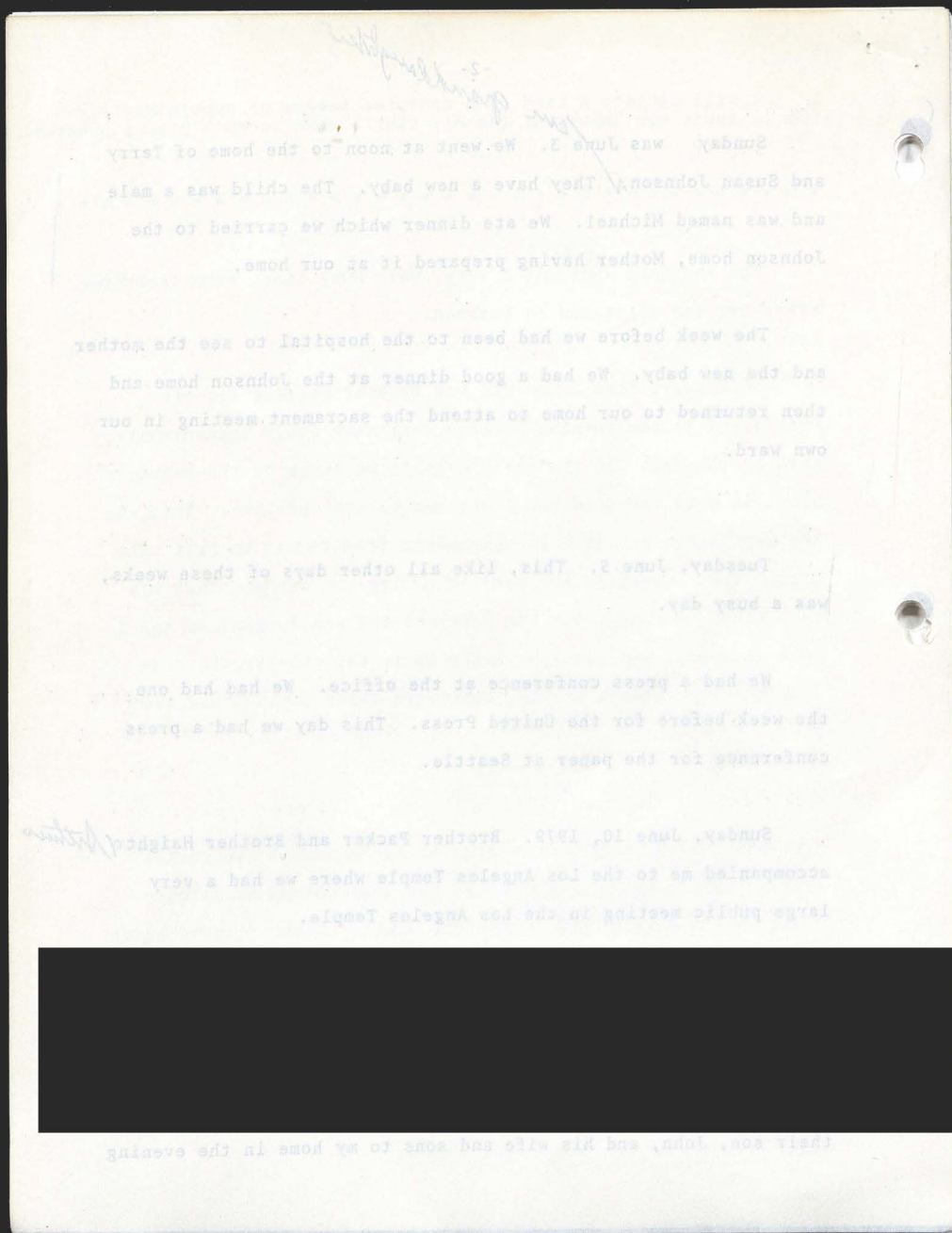
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Tuesday, June 5. This, like all other days of these weeks, was a busy day.

We had a press conference at the office. We had had one the week before for the United Press. This day we had a press conference for the paper at Seattle.

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On Wednesday evening we went to the home of Guy Simmons whose guest, the little girl from Sri Lanka, was planning to go home. We ate dinner with them and it was very pleasant afterwards.

June 22, 1979, was also very, very busy. I had another press conference with the Seattle man and it was quite satisfactory.

Saturday, June 23, 1979. We left with Arthur and a crowd of people to fly to Houston, Texas, early in the morning. We reached Houston about mid-morning, drove to the hotel. We were fed and had a press conference in the hotel with several paper representatives. They were very interesting and wrote the story quite satisfactorily.

At four o'clock we went to the Summit public building where we engaged then in a mothers and daughters meeting under the direction of Barbara Smith, under my direction. It was a very satisfactory meeting. I gave just a moment or two of thought before closing the meeting. We returned to the hotel where there were crowds in every direction and every place we moved we were



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On Wednesday evening we went to the home of Guy Simmons whose guest, the little girl from Sri Lanka, was planning to go home. We ate dinner with them and it was very pleasant afterwards.

June 22, 1979, was also very, very busy. I had another press conference with the Seattle man and it was quite satisfactory.

Saturday, June 23, 1979. We left with Arthur and a crowd of people to fly to Houston, Texas, early in the morning. We reached Houston about mid-morning, drove to the hotel. We were fed and had a press conference in the hotel with several paper representatives. They were very interesting and wrote the story quite satisfactorily.

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of people, some 17 or 18 thousand people. The music was excellent and the speakers were all splendid. The principal speakers were two of the Regional Representatives and President Benson, President Romney, Brother Gordon B. Hinckley, Brother Larson and Brother Burton Howard of the Seventies.

Before we left town we went to the hotel and there were fed with all the others who had participated in the conference. It was an excellent meal.

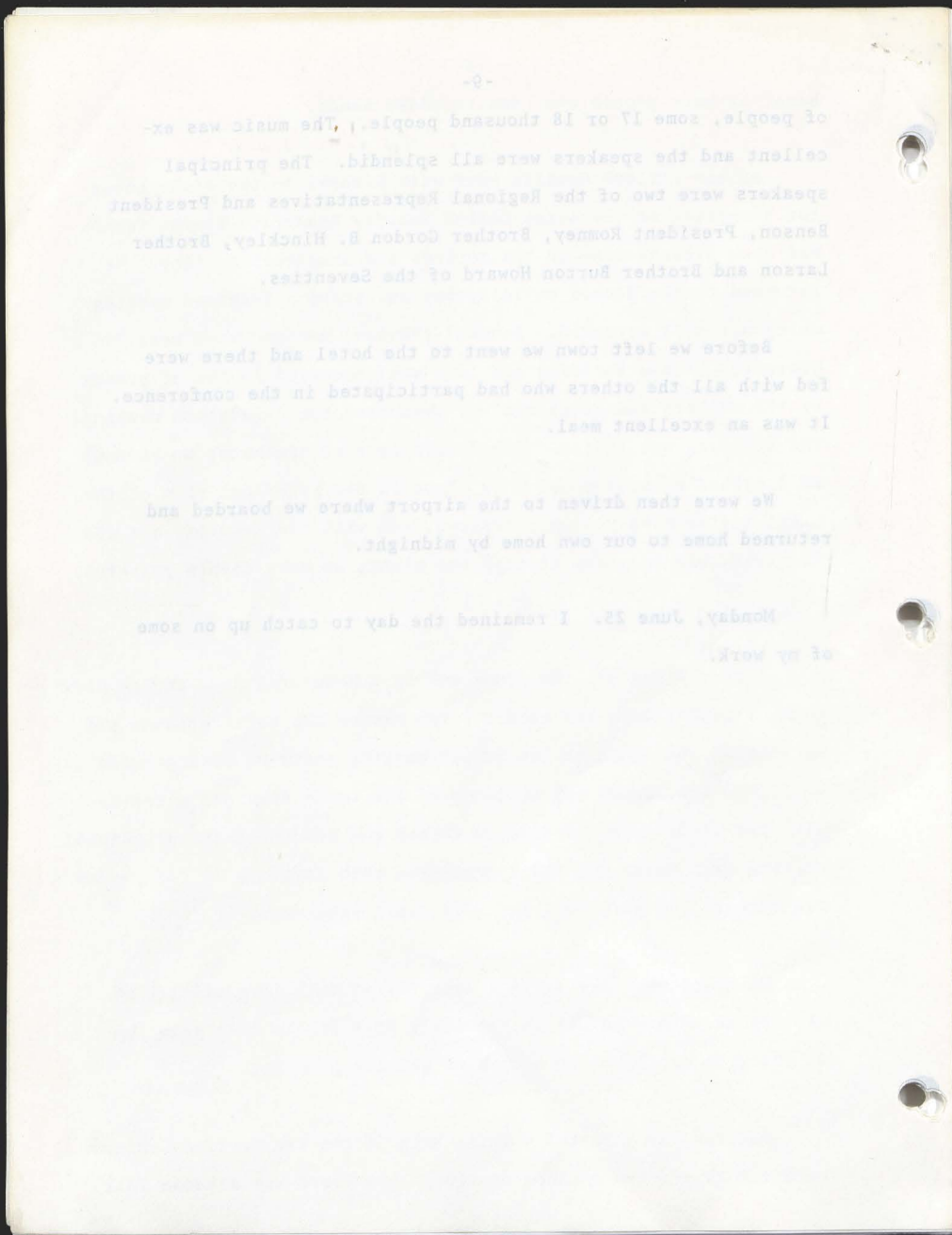
We were then driven to the airport where we boarded and returned home to our own home by midnight.

Monday, June 25. I remained the day to catch up on some of my work.

We drove then to the home of President Fish in the country near Columbia where we had supper out on the lawn and then went inside and had a home evening program given by the families of the Stake Presidency. A number of friends and family members came to the Fish's before we left. We then went to the home of President Woodruff, way out in the country, to stay for the night. A number of people were there to greet us when we arrived.

Tuesday, June 26, 1979

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## TRIP TO SOUTH CAROLINA AND FLORIDA

Mon., June 11 - Mon., June 18, 1979

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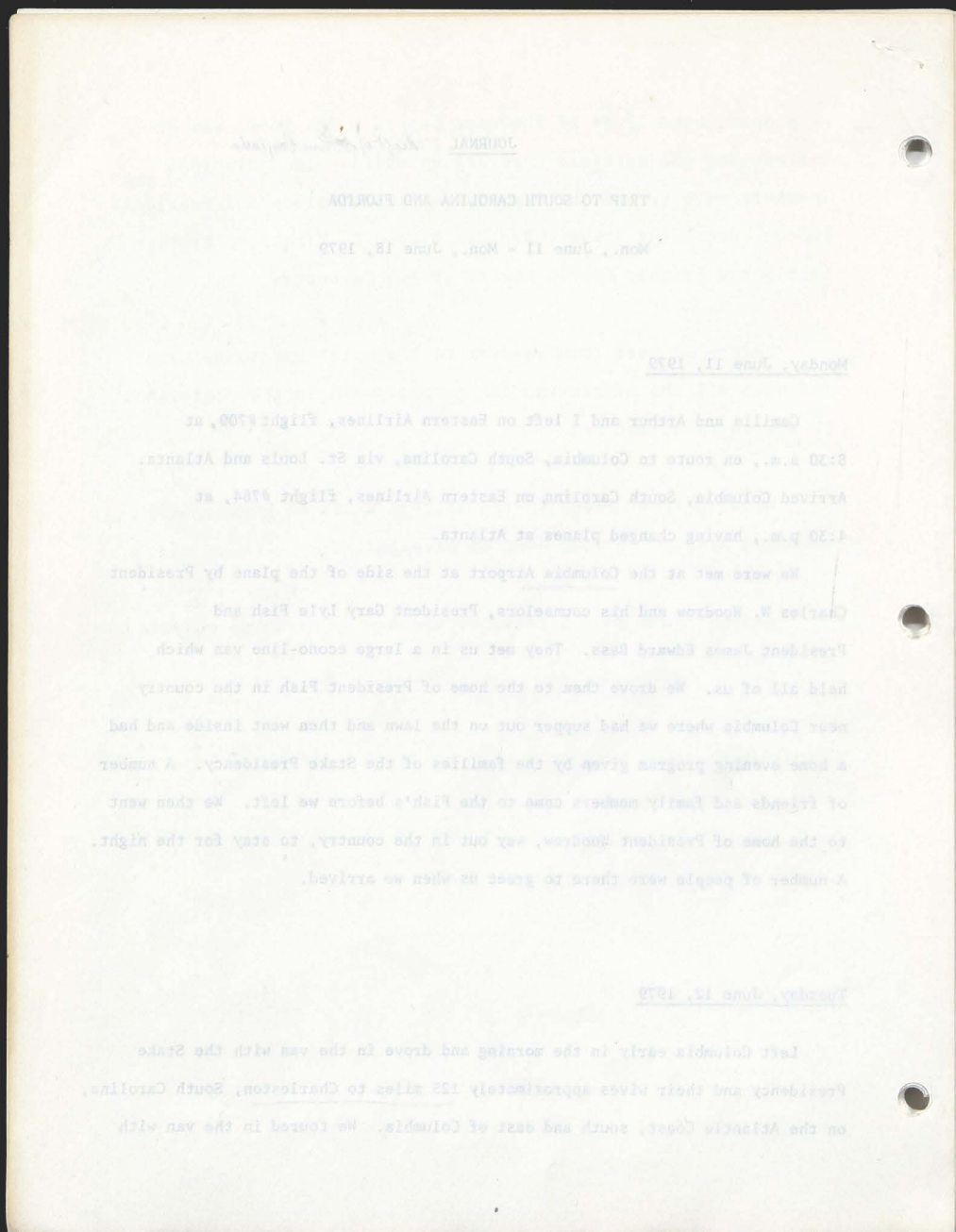
Camilla and Arthur and I left on Eastern Airlines, flight #709, at 8:30 a.m., en route to Columbia, South Carolina, via St. Louis and Atlanta. Arrived Columbia, South Carolina, on Eastern Airlines, flight #784, at 4:30 p.m., having changed planes at Atlanta.

We were met at the Columbia Airport at the side of the plane by President Charles W. Woodrow and his counselors, President Gary Lyle Fish and President James Edward Bass. They met us in a large econo-line van which held all of us. We drove then to the home of President Fish in the country near Columbia where we had supper out on the lawn and then went inside and had a home evening program given by the families of the Stake Presidency. A number of friends and family members came to the Fish's before we left. We then went to the home of President Woodrow, way out in the country, to stay for the night. A number of people were there to greet us when we arrived.

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When we arrived in Charleston, we were met by Brother Alvie R. Evans, who is the president of the Charleston South Carolina Stake. He accompanied us, along with his wife and his counselors and their wives, in another van as we toured.

We then went from the Calhoun House to the stake center where we had a delicious southern-style dinner with sweet potatoes with pecans on the top, shrimp creole, and many other wonderful dishes.

We then took President and Sister Kimball over to the home of Brother and Sister \_\_\_\_\_ for a rest. The sister is a Puerto Rican, although she is very light and fair and, of course, speaks Spanish fluently, which is her native tongue. I promised I would send her some records and particularly "Cielito Lindo," the choir in Spanish.

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After seeing Ft. Moultrie, we raced back to Columbia where we had dinner with the Mission President, Robert Hal Parker, and his wife, the Regional Representative and his wife, and members of the Stake Presidency and the family of President and Sister Woodrow. We were tired and ready for bed.

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At 10:00 a.m., went to the stake center and met with all the missionaries of the Columbia South Carolina Mission, approximately 200. President and Sister Kimball and Arthur spoke, as well as the Mission President and his wife. We then had lunch there at the chapel, and President and Sister Kimball had a little rest and then at 2:00 had a youth meeting with 1,400 or more in attendance. The building was completely filled, and 200 or more were standing outside. Again, President and Sister Kimball and Arthur spoke.

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Returned to the hotel where we enjoyed a nice buffet lunch, and after about a 15-minute rest left again for the Plaza de Toros for another general session from 1:00 to 3:00 p. m. There were 8,530 present.

(Attach program)

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We went by bus directly to the Mitras Stake Center where we held a priesthood session from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. The sisters remained in the Plaza de Toros for the mother and daughter session.

Yesterday, it was very clear and warm all day, although it had been stormy prior to our arrival. Today it was overcast and quite cool, and we wore sweaters and coats all during the meeting because the bullring is very open with just a roof over it, so we had difficulty keeping warm. Following the priesthood and mother and daughter meetings, we then went back to the hotel where we had a nice buffet dinner at 7:00 p.m. with our group and with local Mission Presidents.

Yesterday, one of the elders, who is an assistant to the Mission President, Elder Michael Udall of Eagar, Arizona, got word that his father had been killed while driving his company truck at Gallup, New Mexico. I am, of course, acquainted with this young man's family. His companion is Elder Atkin of St. George, grandson of President Rudger Atkin, former President of the St. George Temple. We did what we could to comfort Elder Udall and this evening, President Romney and I gave him a blessing. Elder Udall then introduced us to the Delarosa family, whom he had converted and baptized one year ago today. We met Brother Delarosa and his wife and five children. They presented me with a very beautiful desk pen set inscribed with a map of Mexico and the area of the Monterrey Area Conference marked out. Working with such artifacts is Brother Delarosa's job. It is a very beautiful

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After meeting the families of the brethren who had acted as our security during the conference, we retired to our beds.

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Got up early and put our bags out at 6:30 a.m.; ate some fruit in our room, then left by bus at 7:30 for the airport, a long ride of nearly 20 miles on rather bad roads; arrived in the rain and departed at 9:00 a.m. on Mexicana, flight #703, arriving in Mexico City at 10:05 a.m. We were met



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A young Army officer, an aide to the President, came up to us and said he was a member of the Church, had joined in Veracruz, Mexico, and had been in the Church about eight years, but then as he became active in politics and in the Army, he found, he said, that it wasn't compatible with his work to continue with Church activity and that it would perhaps hold him back from advancement so he has not been going to Church. His name and address are:

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Following the meeting with President Portillo, we immediately left by the private elevator, and the young woman, a head of protocol for the Mexican government, drove us back to our hotel where we had a nice lunch and a brief rest and then went back to the airport and caught the plane at 2:45 p.m., Pan American, flight #501, and arrived in Guatemala City on time at 4:25 p.m. where we had a very nice reception by the Mission President and local brethren and stake presidents. Brother Kenneth Ralph Goodman is the first secretary of the Embassy there, and he was able to arrange many special favors and considerations for our party. We went right through Immigration and Customs without stopping and then into a special room for a brief TV interview and then got on an air-conditioned bus and had a police escort to the hotel, the Camino Real, a very beautiful place, and found there lovely rooms and fruit in our rooms waiting for us.

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We then left by bus, with police escort, for the cultural program in the National Gymnasium. It was a very entertaining and beautiful program and had a very explosive and rather breathtaking finale. The final act included a carnival dance where people danced with masks on, and one young man had on a largemask of a bull. It covered the upper part of his body. He danced all around and then suddenly fireworks began to explode from it. There were Roman candles, pinwheels, and firecrackers. The Roman candles shot up over the scenery and out into the audience, and we were sitting on the front row. One Roman candle went right under Elder Tom Perry's legs and another one came by about three feet high and hit Sister Wilkinson and Sister Kennedy and singed their eyebrows and their hair. It was indeed a rousing and explosive finale to the program. It could have been serious, however, because the Roman candles could have set fire to the gymnasium or could have badly burned one of our group.

We then returned to the hotel, again with a police escort, and had a good night's rest.



There were 25 beautiful little girls in traditional Indian costumes who then sang a couple of songs for us. The people then presented us with a beautiful well hanging with our names woven into it. It will be sent home to us so we will not have to carry it. This is a very fine example of the local Indian art.

We then left by bus, with police escort, for the cultural program in the National Gymnasium. It was a very entertaining and beautiful program and had a very explosive and rather breathtaking finale. The final act included a carnival dance where people danced with masks on, and one young man had on a mask of a bull. He covered the upper part of his body. He danced all around and then suddenly fireworks began to explode from it. There were Roman candles, fireworks, and firecrackers. The Roman candles shot up over the ecstasy and out into the audience, and we were sitting on the front row. Our Roman candles went right under Elder Tom Perry's legs and another one came by about three feet high and hit Sister Wilkinson and Sister Kennedy and stayed their eyebrows and their hair. It was indeed a roaring and explosive finale to the program. It could have been serious, however, because the Roman candles would have set fire to the gymnasium or could have badly burned one of our group.

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Tuesday, February 22, 1977

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GENERAL SESSION

Tuesday, 22 February 1977

10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon  
(All Church Members)10:00 a.m. to 10:20 a.m.

Conducted by . . . . . The First Presidency

Song . . . "The Morning Breaks" . . . . . Guatemala Stakes Choir  
Chorister - Oswaldo Rodriguez  
Organist -

Prayer . . . . . Mario Antonio Lopez  
President, Guatemala City  
Guatemala Utatlan Stake

Song . . . "What Was Witnessed In The . . . Guatemala Stakes Choir  
Heavens?" . . . Chorister - Oswaldo Rodriguez  
Organist -

10:20 a.m. to

10 Sustaining of Authorities . . . . . President Marion G. Romney

30 Speaker . . . . . President Spencer W. Kimball

Hymn . . . "Come, Come Ye Saints" . . . . . Choir and Congregation  
Chorister - Oswaldo Rodriguez  
Organist -

10 Speaker . . . . . Elder L. Tom Perry

~~15 Speaker . . . . . Elder Howard W. Hunter~~

25 Speaker . . . . . President Marion G. Romney

Song . . . "Lo! The Mighty God Appearing" . . . Guatemala Stakes Choir  
Chorister - Oswaldo Rodriguez  
Organist -

Prayer . . . . . Mario Edmundo Scheel  
President, San Salvador  
El Salvador Stake



Guatemala City

GENERAL SESSION

Tuesday, 21 February 1977

10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon  
(All Church Members)

10:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

Conducted by . . . . . The First Presidency  
Song . . . . . "The Morning Hymn"  
Choir . . . . . Guatemala States Choir  
Conductor - Oswaldo Rodriguez  
Organist -  
Prayer . . . . .  
Bible . . . . .  
President, Guatemala City  
Guatemala States State  
Song . . . . . "What Was Witnessed in the  
Convent"  
Choir . . . . . Guatemala States Choir  
Conductor - Oswaldo Rodriguez  
Organist -

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Choir - Guatemala Rodriguez  
Organist -  
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30 . . . . . Elder Harold B. Hanks  
35 . . . . . President Martin G. Romney  
Song . . . . . "What the Mighty God Appointed"  
Choir . . . . . Guatemala States Choir  
Conductor - Oswaldo Rodriguez  
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PRAYERS BY:

OPENING: PRESIDENT MARIO ANTONIO LOPEZ  
GUATEMALA CITY GUATEMALA UTATLAN STAKE

CLOSING: PRESIDENT ALFONSO OCTAVIO DIAZ  
SAN SALVADOR EL SALVADOR EAST STAKE

SPEAKERS:

ELDER GUILLERMO ENRIQUE RITTSCHER 9:47

PRESIDENT CARLOS HUMBERTO AMADO

ELDER ENRIQUE FALLABELA

SISTER BERTHA DE LOPEZ

PRESIDENT SPENCER W. KIMBALL

SUSTAINING OF AUTHORITIES:

PRESIDENT MARION G. ROMNEY

SPEAKERS:

ELDER L. TOM PERRY

~~ELDER HOWARD W. HUNTER~~

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STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES:

ELDER J. J. VAN FLYKE

SPEAKERS:

PRESIDENT SPENCER W. KIMBALL

PRESIDENT MARCO ANTONIO LOPEZ



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We then took a brief tour of some of the areas that had been very badly damaged by the earthquake. Some of them have not been rebuilt, others are just living in little shanties that they have fixed up with cardboard and tin and are in serious circumstances. The government is working frantically to build a number of apartments, low-cost housing for these people. We passed one of our ward chapels that was in the very center of the damaged area. The steeple fell, but the rest of the chapel was not damaged. Our people got along quite well in this area.

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Wednesday, March 2, 1977 LaPaz, Bolivia, Area Conference

Left Santiago, Chile, at 9:00 a.m. for LaPaz, Bolivia, arriving at 10:40 a.m. and stayed at Hotel Crillon.

- (1) 4:30 - 6:30 p.m. Dinner with local priesthood leaders and wives at Las Vegas Restaurant.
- (2) 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. Cultural Program (Coliseo Cerrado)

Thursday, March 3, 1977 LaPaz, Bolivia, Area Conference

- (1) 10:00 - 12:00 noon General Session (Coliseo Cerrado)
- (2) 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. Priesthood Session (Instituto Americana)
- (3) 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. Mother-Daughter Session (Coliseo Cerrado)

at Lima, Peru,

Departed from LaPaz for Bogota via Lima and arrived/at 11:59 p.m. and stayed at Hotel Crillon.

Friday, March 4, 1977 Bogota, Colombia, Area Conference

Left Lima at 12:05 p.m. for Bogota, Colombia, arriving at 2:55 p.m. and stayed at Hilton Hotel.

- (1) 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. Cultural Program (Coliseo Salitre)

Saturday, March 5, 1977 Bogota, Colombia, Area Conference

- (1) 10:00 - 12:00 noon General Session (Coliseo Salitre)
- (2) 4:30 - 6:30 p.m. Dinner with local priesthood leaders and wives at Le Toit Room in Hilton Hotel
- (3) 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. Priesthood Session (Gymnasium)
- (4) 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. Mother-Daughter Session (Coliseo Salitre)

Sunday, March 6, 1977 Bogota, Colombia, Area Conference

- (1) 10:00 - 12:00 noon General Session (Coliseo Salitre)



Monday, March 7, 1977

Left Bogota at 8:00 p.m. for Sao Paulo, Brazil.

Tuesday, March 8, 1977

Arrived in Sao Paulo at 6:40 in the morning and spent the day in Sao Paulo.

Wednesday, March 9, 1977

- (1) 3:00 p.m. Cornerstone laying services for the Sao Paulo Temple
- (2) 8:00 p.m. Leadership meeting with local leaders

Thursday, March 10, 1977

Spent the day in Sao Paulo, Brazil, and left at 9:00 p.m. on Pan American Airlines for New York City.

Friday, March 11, 1977

Arrived in New York City at 6:30 a.m. and left at 7:55 a.m. for Washington, D.C. Conferred the sealing power on eight brethren for the Washington, D.C., Temple.

*met with Pres. Carter*

Left Washington, D.C., on United Airlines, Flight #247, for Salt Lake City, arriving at 6:00 p.m.



Saturday, March 12, 1977

Spent the day at home.

Sunday, March 13, 1977

Called my counselors, President N. Eldon Tanner and President Marion G. Romney, and had them meet me at the office, where we held a meeting and went over a number of things that needed our attention.

Monday, March 14, 1977

Went to the office about 7:45 this morning to read through some of the mail that had come while we were away and took care of several other items before Camilla, Arthur and I left at 8:30 to go to Provo for the dedication of the Utah Trade Technical College. (See attached copy of program for the dedication services.)

Returned from Provo about 3:30 p.m. Worked in my office for a while and then stopped for an appointment with my eye doctor, Dr. Sonntag, at 4:45 p.m. on my way home.

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Tuesday, March 15, 1977

Met with my counselors this morning at eight o'clock and this was followed by a meeting of the Committee on Expenditures at ten.

This afternoon at 2:30 I conferred the sealing power on Alma Hyrum Dalebout and Teila Opapo Fonoimoana to be exercised in the New Zealand Temple. They are leaving tomorrow to go to the South Pacific.

Worked at the office until after six o'clock, when Camilla joined me and we went together to the Lion House for dinner with the Cannon-Hinckley Study Group.



Wednesday, March 16, 1977

The Church Correlation Council met this morning at eight o'clock in the First Presidency Council Room and after this meeting adjourned at 9:30 a.m. my counselors and I continued with our First Presidency meeting until 11:00 a.m.

President Ezra Taft Benson came to my office to see me at 11:15 and shortly after he left Dr. LeRoy Kimball came to see me about some Nauvoo restoration projects he is working on.

We had time for a quick lunch before going to the auditorium on the first floor for a correlation indepartmental meeting. Went directly to the Public Communications Department on the 25th floor afterwards to view a film on the life of Jesus Christ.

Brother J. M. Heslop from the Deseret News came in to see me at four o'clock this afternoon.

At 4:30 Brother Jeffrey R. Holland, Church Commissioner of Education, came to talk with me about the closing of the Gila Academy

Also had a visit with Elder Howard Hunter at 5:00 p.m. before going home.



Thursday, March 17, 1977

At 7:45 this morning before we started our First Presidency meeting, an officer from the Salt Lake City police force came to my office and took the fingerprints of myself and my counselors in connection with further studies that are being made regarding the Howard Hughes' will that was found here in the Church Offices last April.

Met with my counselors from eight until ten and then went to the temple and met with the members of the Quorum of the Twelve in our regular weekly meeting.

Following our temple meeting, which did not adjourn until 2:45, the Quorum of the Twelve came to the First Presidency Council Room and met with us and the Presiding Bishopric on the Disposition of Tithes.

After this meeting had brief visits with Elders Delbert L. Stapley, Boyd K. Packer, David B. Haight; followed by one with President Ezra Taft Benson and later with Elder Thomas S. Monson.

Gathered together the mail and letters that were to be signed and took them home with me at 5:30. Spent the evening working at my desk at home.

Friday, March 18, 1977

Held a meeting at eight o'clock this morning with my counselors and then at nine the Presiding Bishopric joined us for their regular weekly meeting with the First Presidency.

The remainder of the day was spent working at my desk on numerous things.

On my way home this evening went to Dr. Sonntag's office for another eye appointment.

A call had been placed to President John M. R. Covey of the Australia Melbourne Mission before I left the office. It came after I had left the office. Arthur had the call transferred up to my home and I spoke to President Covey about a new assignment he has been given.





Monday, March 21, 1977

Went to the office at 9:15 this morning and worked at my desk there until 11:15 when Dr. & Mrs. Harold Hinckley came in for an interview and short visit.

Took care of a number of other matters at the office and then went home early this afternoon.



Tuesday, March 22, 1977

Mr. Alvaro Munevar Marquez, Consul from Colombia, South America; and Fernando Marquez of Avianca (Colombia Airlines) met with the First Presidency this morning to pay their respects during their visit to Salt Lake City.

This afternoon at one o'clock had a visit with Heber Taylor, followed by a brief visit with Ann King.

Spent the balance of the day working on a number of things at the office. Shortly after six o'clock Camilla came and at 6:25 p.m. we left and went over to the Lion House to attend the monthly social of our temple group.

Wednesday, March 23, 1977

This morning at 7:30 photographers from the different news media had arranged to come to the office and take pictures of the First Presidency in preparation for news coverage of the coming Semi-Annual General Conference next weekend.

My counselors and I then met in our regular eight o'clock meeting. Elder Marion D. Hanks was invited into the meeting at 8:45 to give us some information regarding the health of Elder James A. Cullimore, who was recently hospitalized due to a slight stroke.

Brother F. Burton Howard was invited to join the First Presidency at 9:15 a.m. to consider

We adjourned our meeting at 12:15 for a light lunch. Had a short visit with the Ken James family at 1:00 p.m. and then returned to the Council Room for a further meeting with my counselors, which lasted until 2:00 p.m.

Had an appointment with my eye doctor, Dr. Sonntage, at 4:30 p.m. for further tests and examination regarding some eye trouble I have been having and then went home for the day.



Thursday, March 24, 1977

A full day of meetings. At eight o'clock met with my counselors; adjourned a little before ten and went to the temple for our weekly meeting with the Twelve. This meeting lasted until 2:15 and after returning to the office met with Elder Marion D. Hanks from 2:45 until 3:30 concerning

attention

Gathered together the numerous letters and mail that needed/and took them home with me to work on at my desk there this evening.

Friday, March 25, 1977

Attended the Bonneville International Corporation meeting this morning at 7:30. This was followed by a meeting with the Deseret Management Corporation at 9:00 a.m. and then a meeting with the Presiding Bishopric from 9:30 to 11:15 a.m.

Went up to the LDS Hospital at 11:45 a.m. and did not get back to the office until 1:00 p.m. Had a number of tests and examinations made to determine what could be done about the eye problem I have been having.

Met with Brother Robert Barker at 1:15 for a short meeting before going home.



Saturday, March 26, 1977

Came down to the office about eight o'clock and worked most of the day on the talks I am scheduled to give next week in connection with General Conference.

Sunday, March 27, 1977

Monday, March 28, 1977

Today is my 82nd birthday. Spent the day at the office as usual and had numerous appointments and interviews.

Don Harper, a counselor in the South Africa Mission presidency came in at 8:15 a.m. for a short visit.

Called Joseph McEwan and had him come to my office at 9:30 a.m. regarding the filing of my income taxes.

At 10:45 a.m. President Ezra Taft Benson came to my office for some consultation.

Had an interview with Brother James M. Paramore at 12:00 noon and at 12:45 Brother Henry A. Smith was in with some material he has been working on for me in regard to some of my General Conference talks.

There were visits with Elder Mark E. Petersen at 1:00 p.m. and another with Bishop Victor L. Brown at 1:30.

Brother G. Homer Durham came at my invitation for a special interview at 2:00 p.m.

The secretaries in the offices of the First Presidency and my two counselors honored me at a birthday party at 3:00 p.m. in the Council Room where cake and punch were served and a photographer from the Deseret News took some pictures for the Church News. Afterwards the Church security man drove me over to the west side of town to the old home where I was born and more pictures were taken.

Spent the evening with my family members who had gathered at our home for dinner and a family home evening.

Tuesday, March 29, 1977

Met with my counselors this morning in a meeting from eight o'clock until ten. Felt very tired so I rested in my office until noon.

After lunch President Tanner came for a short visit and consultation.

Worked in my office until 4:30, when President Ruth H. Funk and her counselors of the Young Women's Organization came for a short visit.

Had one of the Church security men drive me home at five o'clock.



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Wednesday, March 30, 1977

Held a meeting of, the Church Planning and Coordinating Council this morning at 8:00; then a meeting with my counselors from 9:15 until 10:15, followed with another meeting with the Presiding Bishopric that lasted until 10:45 a.m.

At 10:45 a.m. had a visit with a Brother and Sister Johnston and their son, who had come in to meet me and shake hands.

Brother and Sister Richard G. Scott came for a special interview at 11:00 a.m.

Met briefly with Brother James M. Paramore at 11:45 a.m.

Had a short rest in my office before I went to the 19th floor/for a meeting at 1:00 p.m. of all of the General Authorities where I spoke briefly to them. This meeting did not adjourn until 4:45 p.m.

President George P. Lee, a member of the First Quorum of Seventy and presently the president of the Arizona Holbrook Mission, came to my office for a visit from 4:45 until 5:15 p.m.

Due to the trouble that I have been experiencing with my eyes recently, I asked my two counselors and Arthur to give me a special blessing before leaving the office this afternoon at 5:30. On my way home stopped for an appointment with my doctor, Dr. Ernest L. Wilkinson.



Thursday, March 31, 1977

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held at home, meeting with my committee members at 8:00 a.m. and then at 1:00 p.m. and then at 5:00 p.m. for a total of three sessions. It was a very busy day and we did not get back to bed until 11:00 p.m. I was very tired this afternoon.

After lunch, I went to the office and worked on my report. I was very busy and did not get back to bed until 11:00 p.m.

Invited Sister Naomi Givens, President of the Primary Association, to my office for a meeting concerning her committee, and then at 4:30 had an interview with Sister Naomi Givens and her committee members. I was very busy and did not get back to bed until 11:00 p.m.

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Thursday, March 31, 1977

Held an hour meeting with my counselors commencing at eight o'clock and then adjourned and went to the temple for a meeting with all of the General Authorities. It was a long meeting and we did not get back to the office until three o'clock this afternoon.

At 10:45 a.m. had a visit with a Brother and Sister Johnson and their son.

Elder Boyd K. Packer came to see me on a matter at 3:45 p.m.

Invited Sister Naomi Shumway, President of the Primary Association, to my office for a meeting concerning her counselors, and then at 4:30 had an interview with Sister Dorothy Murdock and at 4:45 spoke with Sarah Paulsen.

Met briefly with Brother James E. Furman at 11:45 a.m.

Did a short visit to my office before I went to the 12th Street Y for a meeting

of all of the General Authorities where I spoke briefly of some things. The meeting did not adjourn until 7:15 p.m.

President George A. Lund, a member of the First Quorum of Seventy and presently the president of the Arizona Temple of Houston, came to my office for a visit from 4:45 until 5:15 a.m.

Due to the trouble that I have been experiencing with my eyes recently, I asked my two counselors and Arthur to give me a medical examination before leaving the office this afternoon at 5:15. They did not stop for an appointment with my doctor, Dr. Frank L. Wilkinson.

Friday, April 1, 1977

Spoke to the Regional Representatives of the Twelve in their seminar this morning regarding their work and especially about the program with the Lamanites.

until 10:30 a.m.

Stayed/to listen to the other presentations given, which were very interesting and instructive.

Had a short rest in my office and then had a visit with Brother Leo Cluff who came in at 11:30 a.m.

and set apart

Conferred the sealing power on/Brother Finn B. Paulsen at 11:45 a.m. He has recently been called to serve as the first president of the new Sao Paulo Temple.

Went to the Lion House at noon and attended a special luncheon with President N. Eldon Tanner and his family.

At 2:45 p.m. went over to the temple and attended a testimony meeting with the Regional Representatives of the Twelve and the General Authorities. This meeting lasted until five o'clock.



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Saturday, April 2, 1977

Today held the first sessions of the 147th Annual Conference of the Church. The Conference commenced with a Welfare Meeting at 7:00 a.m. in the Tabernacle. Returned to the office during a short break before the ten o'clock general session. The announcement of the appointment of G. Homer Durham, James M. Paramore, and Richard G. Scott as new members of the First Quorum of Seventy was made in this morning's session. Also the release of Sister Sara B. Paulsen as first counselor in the Primary Association was announced due to her recent call to serve as the matron in the Sao Paulo Temple where her husband will be the new president. Sister Colleen B. Lemmon, formerly second counselor, was sustained as the new first counselor in the Primary Association and Sister Dorothy Murdock was sustained as the new second counselor.

After the afternoon general session set apart the three new General Authorities that were sustained this morning.

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Monday, April 4, 1977

Arrived at the office about 9:30 a.m. and had a full morning of appointments and interviews as follows:

- 9:45 a.m. Met briefly with President Tanner.
- 10:00 a.m. My counselors and I met with Brother Paul C. Andrus concerning [REDACTED]
- 10:15 a.m. Conferred the sealing power on Brother Jesse Smith Decker to be exercised in the Arizona Temple.
- 10:30 a.m. Had a visit with President Vaughn J. Featherstone, who is presently serving as President of the Texas San Antonio Mission.
- 10:45 a.m. Brother Tom Choules of Yuma, Arizona, brought a group of young people to attend General Conference and they came in for a short visit.
- 11:00 a.m. President Horacio Tenorio of the Mexico City Mexico Satelite Stake and his daughter, Maria Teresa, were in for a few minutes to see me.
- 11:15 a.m. Presidents Palmer and Grant B. Greenhalgh from Safford, Arizona
- 11:30 a.m. Brother Lawrence Maloy accompanied by his wife came in for a special blessing prior to having open heart surgery.
- 11:45 a.m. George Romney stopped in to pay his respects.

President N. Eldon Tanner joined me in an interview with Brother Vi Wood at two o'clock regarding a call to serve as president of the Alberta Temple in Canada.

After a visit with a Sister Trevino of Torreon, Mexico, at 3:00 p.m. went home for the day.



Tuesday, April 5, 1977

Had a meeting at eight o'clock with my counselors, then at ten we went to the 19th Floor for the weekly meeting of the Committee on Expenditures.

At 11:45 a.m. a group of seminary students from Brigham City, Utah, came in for a visit.

President Victor B. Jex of the New York Stake came in at noon to see me about

At 2:00 p.m. Brother Lewis William Cottle came by appointment and I conferred on him the sealing power to be used in the Oakland Temple. President W. Lowell Castleton of the Oakland Temple accompanied Brother Cottle and remained afterwards for a short interview.

This evening at 6:30 attended the General Authorities semi-annual dinner and social on the 26th Floor of the Church Office Building.

Wednesday, April 6, 1977

Elder Gordon B. Hinckley and Brother John Longhurst were invited into the First Presidency meeting this morning at eight o'clock to consider a matter regarding the Tabernacle Choir organization.

At noon attended the wedding breakfast for the son of Oscar W. McConkie and the daughter of Elder Joseph B. Wirthlin in the Lion House.

This afternoon had visits with the following:

2:00 p.m. Myrna Smith from Montana came in and presented me with a lovely hand-made quilt. Also spoke with a group of Laurel girls from Los Angeles who had come up to Salt Lake City for General Conference.

4:00 p.m. Maxine Grim

4:30 p.m. President George P. Lee of the Arizona Holbrook Mission and his family

4:45 p.m. Dale Hansen

Before going home this evening went up to the LDS Hospital and visited a ~~Gustavo~~ <sup>Santiago, Chile,</sup> Flores from ~~Mexico~~ and also Elder A. Theodore Tuttle, who recently had major surgery. Both were doing well and expect to be released soon.



Thursday, April 7, 1977

Met with my counselors this morning at eight o'clock and then at ten we joined the Twelve in the Temple for our weekly meeting.

At 2:00 p.m. performed the temple sealing for Owen Benjamin Kimball and his wife Shawna Mae Williams and then sealed to them their four children. (Terry Ann, 20; Vichie Lee, 19; Brooke Ellen, age 16; and Darek Owen, 11.)

This evening at six attended on the invitation of Brother Jeffrey R. Holland, Church Commissioner of Education, a dinner for seminary and institute coordinators and spoke briefly to them.



Friday, April 8, 1977

Met with my counselors at 8:00 a.m. and at 9:00 the Presiding Bishopric joined us for their weekly meeting. Went over to the temple at 10:00 a.m. and performed the sealing of Senator Edwin Jacob Garn (U.S. Senator from Utah) and his new bride Kathleen Brewerton. Senator Garn's first wife was killed in an auto accident last August near Sidney, Nebraska, while driving back to Washington, D.C., after a visit in Utah.

Elder Robert L. Simpson of the First Quorum of Seventy came in to see me until 12:15 p.m. at 11:30 and remained/to discuss a number of matters pertaining to his assignment as area advisor for New Zealand and Australia.

Had a visit with Dan Dipty at 1:15 p.m. and then with Eduardo Balderas at 1:30 p.m.

at eight o'clock  
This evening/attended a performance of the musical production "Threads of Glory" at the Highland High School Auditorium.

Saturday and Sunday, April 9 & 10, 1977

Drove to St. George Saturday morning and spent the weekend attending various meetings and activities in connection with the St. George Temple 100th Anniversary.

Monday, April 11, 1977

Returned from St. George in the mid afternoon and went directly home.



Tuesday, April 12, 1977

Attended the meeting of the Welfare Services Committee at 7:30 this morning and then met with just my counselors from 8:00 until 10:00 a.m. This meeting was followed by the Committee on Expenditures from 10:00 until 11:45 a.m.

Spoke with Brother Bruce M. Gibson of St. David, Arizona, on the telephone calling him to serve as a mission president.

Bishop Gustavo Flores from Chile stopped by my office to say that he was feeling much better and was returning home.

On my way home this afternoon went to Midwest Office Supply Company to purchase some filing material in order to better organize some of my papers at home. Also went by the hospital before going home.



Wednesday, April 13, 1977

The Church Planning and Coordinating Council met this morning at 8:00 a.m. and then at 9:00 the Welfare Services Committee held a meeting.

Elder Marion D. Hanks brought Brother Ross Marshall in at 11:00 a.m. for with the First Presidency a rather lengthy meeting/in an endeavor to resolve some problems he has been having. My counselors and I gave Brother Marshall a blessing before he left.

Had a short visit with Mike Houghtailing at 2:00 p.m. and at 2:30 Mr. Robert Jones, representing the National Conference of Christians and Jews, came to pay his respects.

On my way home at 5:15 stopped to see my eye doctor, Dr. Sonntag regarding my eyes.

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At 7:00 p.m. attended the/National Conference of Christians and Jews Ninth Annual Brotherhood Ward Dinner at the Hotel Utah. Robert H. Hinckley, Sr., was the recipient of the special award. Ronald Reagan, former Governor of California, was the guest speaker.

Thursday, April 14, 1977

Met with my counselors from eight until ten this morning, then adjourned and went to the temple where we met in our weekly meeting with the Twelve.

at two o'clock  
President Ezra Taft Benson accompanied me back to my office and we spent a half hour reviewing various matters that had been considered in our temple meeting that required follow-up by the Quorum of the Twelve.

Attended the meeting of the Church Board of Education from 3:00 to 3:45 p.m. Worked at my desk until 5:15 p.m. when I had one of the Church security men drive me up to the LDS Hospital to visit Elder Delbert L. Stapley, Brother Lawrence Maloy and Brother Howard Badger before going home.



Friday, April 15, 1977

Spent the morning in meetings, first with my counselors and then with the Presiding Bishopric. Met again with my counselors from ten until noon.

After lunch with President Tanner and Arthur, worked at my desk signing letters and reviewing the mail.

Had an appointment with Dr. Rasmussen at 2:00 p.m. for an examination and some treatment on my face.



Saturday, April 16, 1977

Spent the morning in meetings, first with my counselors and then with the Stake Relief Society. Then I had a meeting with the Relief Society. After lunch with President Tanner and Arthur, worked at my desk signing letters and reviewing the mail.

Had an appointment with the Stake Relief Society at 2:00 p.m. for an examination and a half hour of testimony. After the meeting, I had a meeting with the Stake Relief Society. After the meeting, I had a meeting with the Stake Relief Society.

Sunday, April 17, 1977

In company with President Marion G. Romney and Arthur, we drove down to Fillmore, Utah, and attended the stake conference there. The purpose of our visit to this southern Utah town was to endeavor to resolve a problem of a Brother Ross Marshall that has been troubling him for a number of years.

Monday, April 18, 1977

Worked at home all morning on a number of things that I have been trying to complete and then came to the office at 2:45 this afternoon.

President John K. Edmunds of the Salt Lake Temple came in to see me at 3:30 p.m. and stayed until four o'clock to discuss

At 4:15 p.m. Brother Ralph Smith came in and presented me with an Indian peace pipe.

Spent the evening with Joe Eyring in Provo where I had been invited for dinner and family home evening.

Tuesday, April 19, 1977

Met with my counselors from 8:00 a.m. until 10:00 a.m. and then went with them to the Committee on Expenditures meeting , returning to the office about noon.

Sister Kenneth Brown from Israel came at noon and I invited President Tanner to join with me in a meeting with Sister Brown, which lasted until 1:30 p.m.

At 3:30 p.m. went over to the Deseret Gym and enjoyed the relaxation there until 5:00.

The Carl Morgan family from were in for a visit that lasted from 5:15 until 6:00 p.m. Went home shortly afterwards.

Camilla, Ed and Bea<sup>e</sup> returned this evening about nine o'clock from their trip to Arizona and Colonia Juarez, Mexico.



Wednesday, April 20, 1977

My counselors and I met this morning from eight until ten. Elder Boyd K. Packer came at ten to see me about

At 11:30 a.m. Elder Hartman Rector, Jr., came to see me about

Brother Percy K. Fetzner and his wife were in at 1:30 p.m. and I conferred upon him the sealing power to be exercised in the Salt Lake, Ogden, Provo and Swiss Temples in preparation for his assuming the responsibilities of his new call as the president of the Swiss Temple later this year.

at 2:00 p.m.

Also/conferred the sealing on William Jensen Kotter and Nathan Welby Adams to be exercised in the New Zealand Temple prior to their leaving for New Zealand in a few days with their wives.

Had a visit with Julius Dalley Woolley, Jr., and his wife at 2:30 p.m.

Worked in my office until about 4:30 p.m. when I left the office for an appointment with Dr. Rasmussen on my way home.

Thursday, April 21, 1977

This morning at 7:45 Brother Gordon Romney, Jr., came to advise me of the serious condition of his uncle, President John Harold Mullen of the El Paso Texas Stake. President Mullen went to the doctor again last Wednesday and received a report that he had deteriorated so badly that there is nothing more that can be done for him. He has been taking chemotherapy for the cancer in his liver and pancreas but the side effects of the therapy are so bad that they will give him no more, and cannot operate again. His condition is so advanced that they give him only two or three days, or a week at most, to live.

Met with my counselors from eight until ten o'clock and then went to the temple for our weekly meeting with the Quorum of the Twelve, which lasted until after two o'clock this afternoon.

President Ezra Taft Benson returned to the office with me and reviewed ~~with me~~ some items from our temple meeting.

Signed letters and worked at my desk from 2:45 until 4:00 p.m. when Elder Joseph Anderson came to see me about

Went home at 5:00 p.m.



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Friday, April 22, 1977

At 7:00 this morning the following brethren came to my office and I conferred on them the sealing power to be exercised in the Oakland Temple: Merlin Daniel Hathaway, Howard Martin Pond, and James Alden Blaisdell.

Brothers Arch L. Madsen and Joseph A Kjar met with us from eight until eight thirty in our First Presidency meeting regarding some KSL matters.

At 9:00 a.m. the Presiding Bishopric met with the First Presidency to consider matters pertaining to their area of responsibility.

Brother and Sister A. Ray Curtis came by appointment at 10:30 a.m. for a special interview with me.

At 11:45 a.m. Brother and Sister Boyd Donahue were in to see me. Brother Donahue had a portable sound equipment device he wished to present to me.

Brother Wendell J. Ashton came at 12:15 p.m. to see me about

(nice)  
Had a visit with Genevive Lee and family at one o'clock and this was followed by a visit with a group from the Olympus High Seminary at 1:30 p.m. The Lee family had remained and I visited further with them until 3:00 p.m.

Stopped for another appointment with Dr. Rasmussen on my way home this evening at 4:30.





Monday, April 25, 1977

Remained at home and worked at my desk there today. Arthur called during the morning to say that word had been received that President John Harold Muller of the El Paso Texas Stake passed away earlier today.

After a light lunch with President Tanner and Arthur and a short rest

had a visit with Elder and family who are family friends. They had just come from the Salt Lake Temple where they had been sealed together as a family.

With President Nelson C. Romney and family, I went to the home of the President of the Young Men's Organization of the Church.

Had the church security men drive me to the hospital to see my doctor at 3:00 p.m. and home this afternoon.

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Tuesday, April 26, 1977

The First Presidency invited Elders Howard W. Hunter and Neal A. Maxwell to meet with them this morning at eight o'clock to give a report on Israel.

Went to the Committee on Expenditures meeting at 10:00 a.m.

After a light lunch with President Tanner and Arthur and a short rest had a visit with Edward Lincoln and family who are Navajo Indians. They had just come from the Salt Lake Temple where they had been sealed together as a family.

With President Marion G. Romney assisting, I set apart Brother Neil D. Schaerrer at 2:30 p.m. to be the new president of the Young Men's Organization of the Church.

Had the Church security man drive me to the hospital to see my doctor/on at 3:45 p.m. the way home this afternoon.



Wednesday, April 27, 1977

The Church Banning and Coordinating Council met this morning at eight o'clock; then at nine the First Presidency had a meeting with the brethren of the International Mission; and this was followed with a meeting with Elder Marvin J. Ashton at ten o'clock. The First Presidency remained/to consider in meeting until 11:30 a.m. further matters of business.

President Tanner came to my office at 11:45 a.m. to discuss

Then at noon I placed telephone calls to Canada and spoke with Dr. Roy Spackman and Brother Harold E. Bennett regarding their serving in the presidency of the Alberta Temple.

Dr. C. V. Zabriskie was in to see me at 2:15 p.m. and Brother Victor L. Brown, Jr., came in at 2:30 p.m. to see me about

Finished things at the office and went home at 5:45 p.m.

Thursday, April 28, 1977

Met with my counselors from eight until ten and then we went to the temple and met with the Twelve in our regular weekly meeting there.

President Ezra Taft Benson accompanied me back to my office afterwards at 2:15 and went over the follow-up items for the members of the Quorum of the Twelve.

Worked at my desk signing letters and approving a number of divorce clearances and restoration of blessing cases until about 4:30 p.m.

This evening at 6:30 attended a banquet for the Young Women's General Board in connection with their training session which was held on the 26th floor of the Church Office Building. Camilla was with me and after the dinner we were both asked to speak to the group.



Monday, May 2, 1977  
Friday, April 29, 1977

At seven o'clock this morning the studentbody officers from Ricks College came to my office and presented me with a life-size bust of my grandfather, Hel C. Kimball.

The First Presidency then met at 8:00 a.m. Mr. Alvah Chapman, President of Knight Newspapers came to pay a courtesy call to the First Presidency at 8:45 a.m. and met briefly with us.

At 9:00 a.m. the Presiding Bishopric came for their weekly meeting with the First Presidency. This was a long meeting with them today. We did not adjourn until 12:45 p.m.

After lunch with President Tanner and Arthur, returned for another meeting with my counselors and Brother Wilford W. Kirton, Jr., of the Law Department to consider

with Dr. Rasmussen  
Had another appointment at 4:30 p.m./on my way home.

This evening at 7:00 attended a dinner at the home of David P. Howells in North Ogden which was held in honor of my grandson, Steve Mack, and his new bride, Debbie Howells. See 5/20/77



Saturday, April 30, 1977

Friday, April 29, 1977

At 8:00 a.m. I went to the office and found a letter from the State Department dated April 28, 1977, regarding the appointment of a new Ambassador to the United States. The letter was signed by the Secretary of State and was addressed to me. I read the letter and was pleased to hear that the appointment had been made. I then called the Ambassador and discussed the matter with him. He was also pleased and we agreed to meet on Monday, May 1, 1977, at 10:00 a.m. in my office. We discussed the details of the appointment and the Ambassador's duties. He then left for his home. I then called the Secretary of State and discussed the matter with him. He was also pleased and we agreed to meet on Monday, May 1, 1977, at 10:00 a.m. in my office. We discussed the details of the appointment and the Secretary of State's duties. He then left for his home. I then called the Ambassador and discussed the matter with him. He was also pleased and we agreed to meet on Monday, May 1, 1977, at 10:00 a.m. in my office. We discussed the details of the appointment and the Ambassador's duties. He then left for his home.

Sunday, May 1, 1977

I went to the office and found a letter from the State Department dated May 1, 1977, regarding the appointment of a new Ambassador to the United States. The letter was signed by the Secretary of State and was addressed to me. I read the letter and was pleased to hear that the appointment had been made. I then called the Ambassador and discussed the matter with him. He was also pleased and we agreed to meet on Monday, May 2, 1977, at 10:00 a.m. in my office. We discussed the details of the appointment and the Ambassador's duties. He then left for his home. I then called the Secretary of State and discussed the matter with him. He was also pleased and we agreed to meet on Monday, May 2, 1977, at 10:00 a.m. in my office. We discussed the details of the appointment and the Secretary of State's duties. He then left for his home. I then called the Ambassador and discussed the matter with him. He was also pleased and we agreed to meet on Monday, May 2, 1977, at 10:00 a.m. in my office. We discussed the details of the appointment and the Ambassador's duties. He then left for his home.

Monday, May 2, 1977

Did not go to the office until two o'clock this afternoon. Spent the morning working at home on a number of things.

At 2:30 p.m. a group of students from Olympus High School came in for a short visit.

Elder Paul H. Dunn came to my office at 2:45 p.m. for a rather lengthy visit to discuss

At 5:00 p.m., which was shortly after my visit with Elder Dunn, I left the office for the day and went home.



Tuesday, May 3, 1977

Met with my counselors at 8:00 a.m. in our First Presidency meeting. Adjourned this meeting in time to go to the 19th floor at 10:00 a.m. for the Committee on Expenditures meeting.

Brother and Sister Oscar Jespersen from Orem, Utah, were in at 11:30 a.m. upon my invitation. He is the son of a childhood friend that I grew up with in Arizona, Oscar Jespersen, Sr., who now lives in Albany, California. We had a pleasant visit and talked about the associations I had had with his father many years ago.

At 12:30 p.m. Harold Samuel Hansen and George Taggart Frost came/and I conferred on them the sealing power to be exercised in the Ogden Temple.

After some consultation with President Tanner at 3:45 on several items, I left the office for an appointment with my doctor at 4:30 p.m. on my way home.

This evening attended on the 26th floor of the Church Office Building attended a special video tape showing of our recent trip to South America for area conference. Elder L. Tom Perry had arranged this and had invited all those who had participated or had accompanied us to these special conferences.



Wednesday, May 4, 1977

The First Presidency met with the other members of the Church Planning and Coordinating Council at 8:00 a.m., and this meeting was followed by a meeting of the Church Board of Education at ten o'clock.

Had a short rest in my office before going to the General Priesthood Board Meeting on the 19th floor at 1:00 p.m. where I had been invited to speak to the General Authorities assembled in that meeting on the subject of "Repentance and Forgiveness."

Derald P. Romney was in at 2:30 p.m. and I extended to him a call to serve as a regional representative of the Twelve. Brother Romney is from Spokane, Wash. and upon learning that he was in town for a convention in connection with his employment, he was invited to come to my office for this interview and call.

Met with Mr. Bean and my son, Eddie, at 3:00 p.m. in regards to some of my personal papers. *Continental Trust*

Again stopped to see my doctor, Dr. Rasmussen, at 4:30 p.m. on my way home.

Thursday, May 5, 1977

Held a meeting with my counselors from eight until nine this morning and then went to the Salt Lake Temple for a meeting with all of the General Authorities it being the first Thursday of the month. Held our regular meeting of the First Presidency and the Twelve afterwards which lasted until 2:45 p.m.

George Mitchell, General Manager of WKEF - TV of Dayton, Ohio, came in at 3:00 p.m. ~~and stayed~~ for a half hour meeting with the First Presidency.

Presidents Tanner and Romney came to my office about 4:15 p.m. and strongly urged that I go down to California for a week or so and get some rest. After some discussion, I finally agreed and had Arthur make the necessary arrangements for us to leave tomorrow morning.

Completed a number of things and then left the office about five o'clock.



Friday, May 6, 1977

Camilla, Arthur and I left this morning about 8:30 and flew down to Los Angeles and from there went by auto to the home at Laguna Beach where we plan to spend the next week getting a little rest and relaxation.

The following days were spent in Laguna Beach, California:

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Sunday, May 8, 1977

Monday, May 9, 1977

Tuesday, May 10, 1977

Wednesday, May 11, 1977

Thursday, May 12, 1977

Friday, May 13, 1977



Saturday, May 14, 1977

Left Laguna Beach early this morning and drove by rented auto to the Los Angeles International Airport where we took Continental Airlines, Flight #950 to Houston. We had about an hour wait in Houston before taking Texas International Airlines, Flight #993, to New Orleans, Louisiana, arriving there about 4:15 p.m. where President LaMar S. Williams, president of the Louisiana Baton Rouge Mission met us.

Sunday, May 15, 1977

This afternoon at 2:00 a special program centered around the theme "The Family Is Forever" was given at the Louisiana State University Assembly Center in Baton Rouge. (See copy of program.)

At 8:30 a.m. we got Brother Peter K. Petter on the phone and then placed a long distance call to Switzerland and got President Paul Meakin of the Swiss Temple on the telephone and had a three-way conversation with these brothers, under a date to reorganize the presidency of the Swiss Temple.

Adjourned our first Presidency meeting a little before ten and went to the 18th floor for the weekly meeting of The Organization of the Temple. This meeting lasted until noon.

Immediately after the program we left Baton Rouge on Texas International Airlines, Flight #912, for Houston. We changed planes in Houston, although still with Texas International Airlines, and arrived in Salt Lake City about nine o'clock on Flight #984.

At 7:10 p.m. we gave a gift to the Philanthropies, which was in for a short

visit at 7:10 p.m. and gave a gift to the hand-carved gold necklace for the

afternoon.

On the morning of Monday, May 16, 1977, we were met by David R. Nelson, who is the director of the Temple, and he took us to the Temple of the Salt Lake City. We then went immediately after to the Salt Lake City Temple, which started at 9:00 a.m.

Monday, May 16, 1977

Sunday, May 15, 1977

Spent the day working at home and getting a little rest.

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Tuesday, May 17, 1977

Went to the office early this morning. Elder Neal A. Maxwell came in to see me for a few minutes at 7:45 a.m. before I joined my counselors in our First Presidency meeting at eight.

At 8:30 a.m. we got Brother Percy K. Fetzer on the phone and then placed a long distance call to Switzerland and got President Immo Luschin of the Swiss Temple also on the telephone and had a three-way conversation with these brethren concerning a date to reorganize the presidency of the Swiss Temple.

Adjourned our First Presidency meeting a little before ten and went to the 19th Floor for the weekly meeting of the Committee on Expenditures. This meeting lasted until noon.

Brother Percy K. Fetzer was in at 1:15 p.m. to discuss further details about his responsibilities as the new president of the Swiss Temple.

Brother and Sister Darama of Manila, the Philippines, were in for a short visit at 2:30 p.m. and gave me a beautiful hand-carved gold necklace <sup>as a gift</sup> for Camilla.

Again had an appointment at 4:30 p.m. with Dr. Rasmussen on my way home this afternoon.

On the invitation of Elders Mark E. Petersen and David B. Haight attended at special dinner of the First Presidency and the Board of Directors of the Promised Valley Playhouse in the Hotel Utah at 6:15 p.m., and then went immediately afterwards over to the Salt Palace to see the production of "Moroni" which started at 8:00 p.

Wednesday, May 18, 1977

Had a visit with Brother Richard B. Sonne at 7:30 a.m. to discuss with him the reorganization of the presidency of the Oakland Temple.

Met with my counselors in a First Presidency meeting at 8:00 a.m. and at 9:00 a.m. Elder Howard W. Hunter brought into our meeting four Arab students from the University of Utah to pay a courtesy call. They presented me with a small Bible with a beautiful mother-of-pearl cover. The names of these four students were Ibrahim Affaneh, Dr. Jarmal Dhaher, Simon Seikely, and Gerald Harris.

After these brethren left, we continued our First Presidency meeting until eleven o'clock.

Had brief consultations with President Tanner at 11:15 a.m. and then one with Brother Wendell J. Ashton at 11:30 a.m.

Called Brother Horace J. Ritchie at 11:45 a.m. and extended to him a call to serve as a counselor in the Oakland Temple presidency.

Brother George I. Cannon was in to see me at noon regarding

At 1:00 p.m. a British Broadcasting Company was in for a special TV filming of an interview conducted by a Mr. Alan Whicker. This company is making a film on a TV audience of the Church which will be shown later in the year to approximately 40 million people in Great Britain and Australia.

Brother Noel Barton brought Brother and Sister Grant Robertson to my office at 3:00 p.m. and spent an hour with me discussing the sealing case of his grandmother, Sister Luella Major.

It was a full day. I found that I hadn't taken time for lunch or any rest all day. Went home at 5:30 p.m.



Thursday, May 19, 1977

Held our First Presidency meeting from eight until ten this morning and then went to the temple for our weekly meeting with the Twelve from ten until 1:45 p.m.

President Ezra Taft Benson came for brief review of follow-up matters at two o'clock.

Reviewed the mail and signed numerous letters before going home late this afternoon.



Friday, May 20, 1977

We invited the Garment Committee members to meet with us in our First Presiding meeting this morning. This meeting was then followed by our meeting with the Presiding Bishopric.

Excused myself from the meeting with the Presiding Bishopric and went over to the temple and performed the marriage ceremony for Olive Beth and Grant's son, Grant Mack and his new bride, Deborah Lynn Gray.

Returned to the office for an appointment with Brother Ivin Lafayette Gee and conferred on him the sealing power to be exercised in the Washington Temple

At noon Camilla and I then joined with other members of the family for a wedding breakfast in the Lion House honoring Stephen and Deborah Lynn.

*See May 20 entry  
about 10 pages further on.*

Dr. Jack Carlson, Vice President of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce was in from 3:00 to 3:45 p.m. for a visit.

Had an appointment with Dr. Wilkinson at 4:30 this afternoon on my way home.

This evening attended the wedding reception for Stephen and Deborah Lynn Mack <sup>Gray</sup>

Saturday, May 21, 1977

Spent the day visiting with members of my family who had come for the wedding yesterday. Went down to the office for a little while with some of my grandchildren

Sunday, May 22, 1977



Monday, May 23, 1977

Went to the office about 10:30 this morning, after working the first part of the morning at my desk at home.

At 11:00 a.m. the First Presidency met with the Greek Ambassador to the United States, Menelas D. Alexandrakis, who was in Salt Lake City on other matters and came in to pay a courtesy call.

Elder James A. Cullimore, who has not been well, came to see me at 11:30 and we had a nice visit.

Went home about 12:30 p.m. as I was not feeling too well myself this afternoon.



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Tuesday, May 24, 1977

Soon after our First Presidency meeting started at eight this morning, we invited in the Primary Presidency so we could set apart the two new counselors-- Colleen B. Lemmon as the first counselor and Dortha Lou Christiansen Murdock as the second counselor. They had been appointed and sustained during this past April General Conference due to the call of Sister Sara B. Paulsen, who had been first counselor, to serve with her husband, Finn B. Paulsen, in the Sao Paulo Temple in Brazil.

At 10:00 a.m. went to the Committee on Expenditures meeting with my counselor

Brother Ken Layton and his family from Los Angeles stopped in briefly for a visit at 12:15 p.m.

President Marion G. Romney came in to discuss some matters with me at 1:30 p.m. otherwise spent the afternoon working at my desk until a little after four o'clock when I had one of the Church security men drive me by to see Dr. Rasmussen before going home.

Wednesday, May 25, 1977

Met with my counselors at eight o'clock this morning and at nine we invited Brother and Sister Kenneth Brown in for a lengthy meeting to resolve some personal problems they are having.

Due to a previous appointment with Elders LeGrand Richards and Howard W. Hunter, we invited them in for a meeting at 11:00 a.m. and then met again with the Brown family from 11:45 to 1:00 p.m.

At 1:15 p.m. conferred the sealing power on Brother Alexander Raine Curtis who will be serving as the new president of the Salt Lake Temple; and also conferred the sealing authority on Brother Kay Williams Wilkinson, who will be working in the New Zealand Temple as a sealer.

Signed letters and got a little rest between 1:30 and 3:45 p.m. this afternoon and then had an interview with Brother and Sister Dean Curtis from 4:00 until 5:00

Concluded appointments at the office about 5:15 and was able to go home.



Thursday, May 26, 1977

This morning at 7:30 went with my counselors and Arthur over to 47 East South Temple to see how the remodeling of the building was progressing.

Met with my counselors from 8:00 until a little before 10:00, then went to the temple for our weekly meeting with the Twelve. President Ezra Taft Benson accompanied me back to my office at 1:15 p.m. to review follow-up matters from our temple meeting.

At 2:30 p.m. Martha and Jim Pace were in for a short visit.



Friday, May 27, 1977

President Tanner, President Romney and I met at eight o'clock for an hour before our meeting with the Presiding Bishopric this morning. Our meeting with the lasted until 11:15 a.m.

*see addl material on May 27  
a few pages further on*

At 11:30 a.m. a family by the name of \_\_\_\_\_ from \_\_\_\_\_ came in and presented me with a beautiful quilt they had made.

Brother F. Burton Howard came in at 12:15 p.m. to discuss \_\_\_\_\_

Camilla came to the office at two o'clock and Bishop Victor L. Brown took us over to the Hotel Utah to see the apartment that was built in the new wing of the hotel as a place where the President of the Church might live if he so desired. It is a beautiful apartment and we spent about an hour there.

At 3:15 p.m. Elder Theodore M. Burton brought to my office the genealogy of President Jimmy Carter that had been gathered by the Genealogical Society and placed in a special binder and then be presented to President Carter. I invited my counselors in to review this material with me.

It was after four o'clock before I left the office and went home.

Saturday, May 28, 1977

Attended a Solemn Assembly in Great Falls, Montana, today together with my counselors and Elders Mark E. Petersen and Theodore M. Burton, and Arthur. We flew up there this morning and returned to Salt Lake City late this afternoon.

Attended the Committee on Dependents meeting from ten until eleven fifteen.

With the exception of a visit with Clark Smith at 12:45 and then one with Anna E. Jackson at 2:30 p.m., was able to spend the entire afternoon working at my desk.

Memorial Day holiday and the office was closed. As on the last day of the day of service for the fallen, the office was closed. Dr. Red Haggard and I had a meeting with the committee at 10:15. Left the office at 11:30. Over this afternoon.

Sunday, May 29, 1977

Monday, May 30, 1977

Memorial Day holiday and the offices were closed.



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Arthur

Tuesday, May 31, 1977

Presidents Tanner and Romney and myself met this morning at eight o'clock, and at nine o'clock Mr. W. Clement Stone and a few other gentlemen who were with him came to pay a courtesy call on the First Presidency. They are in Salt Lake City for a seminar in the Salt Palace on "Positive Mental Attitude," which is being held this afternoon and evening.

Attended the Committee on Expenditures meeting from ten until eleven fifteen the details concerning the gift of Brother Taylor to the Church. He needed an advance of money from the Church to help him clear. With the exception of a visit with Clark Stohl at 12:45 and then one with Finn B. Paulsen at 2:30 p.m., was able to spend the entire afternoon working at my desk.

Dr. Wilkinson had called earlier in the day to say that he had set up an appointment with Dr. Ned Mangelson for me this afternoon at 4:30. Left the office in time to meet this appointment.





JOURNAL

Arthur

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 1, 1977

We gave consideration to a financial problem that had arisen in [REDACTED] and determined that it would be necessary and proper to discipline Brother [REDACTED]. A settlement of the case was proposed by Brother Kirton and approved by the other people in the case.

With Brother Kirton, our legal representative, we considered the details concerning the gift of Brother Parley A. <sup>above</sup>Harvey to the Church. He needed an advance of money from the Church to help him clear his extensive interests and then one million dollars of it will be given to the Church.

Information was given that an option was given on the block south of Temple Square, a 60-day option.

Elder G. Homer Durham and Joseph Anderson came to the Presidency meeting and a discussion followed regarding "The Story of the Latter-Saints" and the history of the Church. Brother Durham feels that portions of that first book which are objectionable could be corrected by editing and he is willing to perform this editing program, and it will be presented to the brethren and to the Presidency before released. He will also review the biography of Brigham Young by Leonard Arrington.

Consideration was given to the biography being written for George Q. Cannon, and it was thought that they might be satisfactory. Then consideration was given to the biography and the journals of President David O. McKay. There was some question about some parts of the jour-



MAY 27

My two counselors and I accompanied Brother Marvin Ashton to the Sandy area to look at some property with the thought that possibly someday we would build a temple there to augment the work done by the Salt Lake Temple and the Provo Temple. We found a very fine property and we are preparing to purchase it.

THURSDAY, JUNE 2, 1977

Elder David M. Kennedy, our representative abroad, came in and reported to us that he had been to Poland and had had a pleasant and profitable time with the officials there. He reported that without any difficulty we would be able to go forward with our proselyting in Poland. Now we have official recognition in Poland.

There was a discussion about the General Authorities and others using the security cars excessively.

A discussion followed pertaining to public communications in Mexico.

A discussion was had regarding the restoration of blessings, and I stated that all the General Authorities might have that privilege but subject to their being appointed and assigned by President Benson.

of President McKay since the failing of his health. I suggested to President Tanner who was a counselor to President McKay that he and Brother Anderson

We discussed with Brother Delbert L. Stapley and Brother Willar Jensen the matter of supposed quackery, especially among some chiropractors who seem to be taking some advantage of our people.

We shall print a brief statement to warn our people about it.

It was reported that the Genealogical Society had provided and prepared a book, about a two-inch book, of genealogy for President Jimmy Carter, and it was being sent to him by President Ladd and Tom Daniels.

A letter was read from President Groberg regarding a child of restricted lineage which would be presented for sealing, and it was felt to approve it, subject to the regular limitations generally used



THURSDAY, JUNE 2, 1977

Our regular meeting was held at eight o'clock and a number of matters of importance came up before us. At ten o'clock the Presidency went to the temple and I presided at the meeting which included all of the General Authorities who were available and nearly all were present.

We discussed a number of things and explained to the brethren that henceforth all General Authorities may restore blessings when properly assigned and notified by the President of the Council of the Twelve. There were other matters of importance that came before the group.

Testimonies were borne by Elder Mark E. Petersen, Elder Gordon B. Hinckley, Elder Sterling W. Sill and others of the brethren.

The sacrament was administered and a circle of prayer was held and then all were excused but the Presidency and the Council of the Twelve and they continued with their regular meeting.

FRIDAY, JUNE 3, 1977

The First Presidency meeting at eight o'clock, and there were several additions to it, the coming in of some of the brethren.

I overlooked stating on Wednesday, the first, that was my mother's birthday; born in 1860, she would now be 117 years of age. It is also President Brigham Young's birthday.



These are busy days. There were about 350 young people from Arizona coming in to see me and to be addressed. Several groups with strawberries and others to merely shake hands so that they are really busy days.

SATURDAY, JUNE 4, 1977

The security man, Claren Swenson, picked us up at quarter to seven and we drove to the home of Guy Simmons in the Butler area where we had a delicious ~~dinner~~ breakfast of quail and other things prepared by Mrs. Simmons and then we left in two cars and drove to Evanston and through Woodruff and to the Bear Lake area to the home of Bernall Johnson; his entire family, children and grandchildren all were gathered together at the home. We rested awhile and then went over the hill to some small lakes which were filled with fish. Camilla and I did some fishing with some help from the men who were associated with us. They were lucky and each got three or four good sized fish. We then went to the hunting lodge of Brother Johnson where the entire group had a dinner. We then came home, arriving in Salt Lake about six o'clock.

SUNDAY, JUNE 5, 1977

I attended sacrament meeting in my own ward, Monument Park Second Ward, and had many visitors through the evening.

MONDAY, JUNE 6, 1977

I remained at home the first half of the day and then spent the

balance of the day in the office in the Church Office Building.

These are busy days. There were about 500 young people

at the church on Sunday and on Monday, and on Tuesday

with the church and other organizations. The church

was really busy. I did not get to bed until

about 11:00 p.m. and I did not get to bed until

about 11:00 p.m.

SATURDAY, JUNE 1, 1917

On Saturday, June 1, 1917, I went to the

church and stayed there until about 11:00 p.m.

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FRIDAY, JUNE 3, 1977

IN the meeting with the Twelve, it was reported that President Harvey Brown of the Thailand Bangkok Mission had been able to arrange for a one-year visa for missionaries, with a one-year renewal privilege. This pleased us.

In the reports of the First Presidency it was indicated that all three had been to the solemn assembly in Great Falls



JOURNAL, JUNE 7, 1977

THE BRETHREN CONSIDERED THE MATTER OF THE RESERVATION MADE BY THE HOMOSEXUAL GROUP TO HOLD A CONFERENCE IN THE HOTEL UTAH AND IT WAS DETERMINED THAT WE WOULD ASK THE BOARD TO CANCEL THE RESERVATION.

IT WAS DECIDED TO ASK BROTHER STAPLEY TO READ THE BOOK PROPOSED BY BROTHER BRUCE R. MC CONKIE ON THE COMING OF CHRIST.

SEVERAL NEW SEALERS WERE APPROVED FOR THE SALT LAKE TEMPLE AND SOME BRETHREN WERE APPROVED TO BECOME SEALERS FOR THE OAKLAND TEMPLE AND PRESIDENT KIMBALL WILL GIVE THEM THE POWER WHEN HE ATTENDS THE OAKLAND TEMPLE NEXT.

PRESIDENT KIMBALL ADVISED THAT HE HAD CALLED GRAHAM DOXEY, JR., TO REPRESENT US IN THE MISSOURI LANDS PROGRAM FORMERLY HELD BY BROTHER DYER.

JUNE 3, 1977

IT WAS DECIDED BY THE BRETHREN AND TO BECOME A PART OF THE HANDBOOK THAT CHILDREN OF RECORD UNBAPTIZED WOULD NOT NEED TO BE HANDLED BY A CHURCH COURT.

IT WAS DECIDED TO APPROVE A \$250 CONTRIBUTION TO THE CRIME PREVENTION ADMINISTRATION.

THE BRETHREN APPROVED THE APPOINTMENT OF BROTHER DEAN BELNAP AS A MEMBER OF THE HIGH COUNCIL OF BROTHER BURTON HOWARD'S STAKE.

ATTENTION WAS ALSO CALLED TO THE FACT THAT THE ERA AMENDMENT WAS DEFEATED IN ILLINOIS, ACCORDING TO THE PRESS.

IT WAS REPORTED THAT THE PRESIDENCY HAD DETERMINED TO AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASE OF THE TEMPLE SITE IN SANDY FORMERLY OWNED BY THE MUMFORD BROTHERS. THIS IS WITH THE UNDERSTANDING THAT NO TEMPLE IS GUARANTEED BUT THE PROPERTY WILL BE HELD UNTIL DECISIONS ARE MADE.

A LEAVE OF ABSENCE WAS GRANTED TO JOHN VANDENBERG FOR A YEAR THAT HE MIGHT BE WITH HIS FAMILY. IT WAS UNDERSTOOD THAT HE WOULD CARRY OUT SOME OF THE ASSIGNMENTS THAT HE HAS.

THE REQUEST OF PRESIDENT BRIANT L. STRINGHAM OF THE RESTORATION OF [REDACTED] BE APPROVED BUT IT WAS DECLINED SINCE THE TIME ELEMENT IS INSUFFICIENT.

JUNE 7, 1977

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JOURNAL, THURSDAY, JUNE 9, 1977

I FELT PRETTY GOOD TODAY. ALL THE BRETHREN WERE PRESENT AND IT SEEMED GOOD TO SEE ALL XM TOGETHER. THERE WERE MANY THINGS THAT WE DISCUSSED. WE APPROVED THE MINUTES AND THE LIST OF THOSE TO BE APPROVED FOR TEMPLE WORKERS AND THE CHANGES IN BISHOPS AND STAKE PRESIDENCIES. I THEN PRESENTED TO THE BRETHREN THE POSSIBILITY OF A SMALL TEMPLE IN SAMOA AND THE ISLANDS AND THEY GAVE THEIR APPROVAL AND THEN WE TALKED ABOUT A TEMPLE IN THE SANDY AREA. THAT ALSO WAS APPROVED AND THE PURCHASE WAS APPROVED, THOUGH NO DEFINITE TIME WOULD BE SET FOR BUILDING IT.

WE TALKED ABOUT THE LOCATION OF THE SAMOAN TEMPLE AND THOUGHT WE WOULD BUILD IT IN AMERICAN SAMOA IN THE VICINITY OF THE PLACE WHERE OUR SCHOOL HAD BEEN.

FRIDAY, JUNE 10, 1977

THE SECURITY MAN CAME FOR ME AND WE WENT TO BROTHER HUNTER'S AND PICKED HIM AND THEN TO PRESIDENT ROMNEY'S AND PICKED HIM UP AND THEN TO JOSEPH ANDERSON'S AND DROVE TO THE CHURCH OFFICE, PICKING UP ARTHUR AND PRESIDENT TANNER, AND FROM THERE WE WENT TO MANTI, UTAH, ABOUT 2 1/2 HOURS.

ALREADY THE BRETHREN HAD ASSEMBLED IN LARGE MEASURE AND MOST OF THEM WERE PRESENT. WE PROCEEDED WITH OUR SOLEMN ASSEMBLY IN THE TEMPLE AT TWO O'CLOCK AND HAD A VERY INSPIRATION MEETING.

WHEN THE MEETING WAS DISMISSED, IT SEEMED THE HILLS WERE LINED



WITH MEN. THEY SEEMED VERY APPRECIATIVE. WE THEN DROVE UP TO  
BROTHER COX'S HOME, PRESIDENT OF THE STAKE <sup>MANTI, UTAH</sup> AND SISTER COX AND  
HIS COUNSELORS WIVES" PRESENTED TO US A WONDERFUL DINNER. SINCE WE  
HAD BEEN FASTING, WE WERE HUNGRY AND APPRECIATED IT ALL THE MORE.

WE THEN DROVE HOME, REACHING HOME ABOUT NINE O'CLOCK.

CAMILLA AND I WENT FOR A LITTLE WALK UP TO THE END OF THE BLOCK  
AS WE DO NEARLY EVERY NIGHT, TRYING TO RETAIN OUR STRENGTH.

SATURDAY, JUNE 11, 1977

WE WENT TO THE OFFICE FOR A GATHERING OF OUR TRIBE AND TOOK  
WITH US TO THE AIRPORT MY TWO COUNSELORS, PRESIDENT TANNER AND  
PRESIDENT ROMNEY, BROTHER HOWARD W. HUNTER, JOSEPH ANDERSON.  
PRESIDENT BENSON JOINED US IN BOISE AS DID MARVIN ASHTON. THERE  
WERE SOME 1665 PEOPLE, THE LEADERSHIP OF THE VARIOUS STAKES AND  
MISSIONS IN ATTENDANCE. WE WERE VERY PLEASED WITH THEM.

THE MEETING WAS VERY SATISFACTORY AND WE CLOSED AT 3:30 AND  
RUSHED TO THE AIRPORT AND BOARDED THE PLANE JUST IN TIME AND FLEW  
TO TWIN FALLS AND THEN TO SALT LAKE CITY.

I WENT TO MY DESK AND SPENT CONSIDERABLE TIME AS I USUALLY DO.

SUNDAY, JUNE 12, 1977

THE SECURITY BOYS DRIVE ME BACK AND FORTH AND WATCH US VERY  
CAREFULLY. THERE ARE MANY THREATS FROM SOME OF THE DISSIDENTS AND  
FROM PEOPLE WHO SEEM TO THINK THE EASY WAY IS TO THREATEN US AND  
THAT WE WOULD TURN OVER TO THEM THE CHURCH PROGRAM AND AUTHORITY



AND POWER AND ALL THAT WE HAVE. PERIODICALLY WE HAVE BEEN BOTHERED FOR TWO OR THREE OR MORE<sup>AS</sup> OUR PREDECESSORS WERE BOTHERED BEFORE US.

WE DETERMINED THAT WE WOULD MAKE OUR LETTER WHICH WENT TO THE LAS VEGAS PEOPLE, MAKE IT GENERAL TO APPLY ANYWHERE WE HAVE THE SAME CONDITIONS. THERE WOULD BE SOME RESTRICTIONS FOR THOSE WHO WORK IN THE GAMBLING PITS WHERE THEY HAVE GAMBLING DENS IN FRANCE, BELGIUM AND HOLLAND AND OTHER PLACES.

WE CONSIDERED A MATTER IN FRANCE WHERE WE HAVE SEVERAL MEMBERS WHO BELONG TO AN ASSOCIATION WHICH SEEMS TO TAKE PRECEDENCE IN THEIR LIVES. XX BROTHER MONSON HAS BEEN SENT TO CLARIFY IT AND HE DID.

WE DISCUSSED FURTHER THE TEMPLE IN SAO PAULO AND WE HAD THE CONDITIONS OF LIVING AND BEING HOUSED IN SAO PAULO. A REPORT WAS MADE FURTHER ON THE KENNETH BROWN MATTER WHICH WE DISCUSSED A WEEK OR SO AGO. WE RECEIVED FURTHER CONTRIBUTIONS FROM BRETHREN FOR MISSIONARY WORK.

WE APPOINTED GRAHAM DOXEY, JR., TO LOOK AFTER OUR MISSIOURI PROPERTIES AS HAD BEEN DONE BY BROTHER ALVIN R. DYER.

THE BRETHREN FELT THAT WHILE I WAS IN EUROPE TO RE-ESTABLISH THE TEMPLES THERE THAT I WOULD GO TO POLAND AND OBTAIN PERMISSION TO PROSELYTE. WE APPROACH THE PROGRAM WITH GREAT CAUTION AND HOPE THAT WE MAY NOT BE DISTURBED IN THE FULL PROSELYTING EFFORT.

WE DISCUSSED THE TERM OF MISSION PRESIDENTS AND DETERMINED THAT THEY WOULD GENERALLY RUN ABOUT FOUR YEARS, EXCEPT FOR THOSE THAT HAD



ALREADY BEEN CALLED AND PROMISED A FIVE YEAR TERM.

MAY 20, 1977

TODAY WE SET APART COUNSELLORS TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE PRIMARY, SISTER COLLEEN B. LEMON, SISTER DOROTHEA G. MURDOCH. THIS HAD BEEN NECESSITATED BY OUR CALLING THE FIRST COUNSELOR, SISTER FINN PAULSEN TO WORK IN THE TEMPLE IN SAO PAULO WITH HER HUSBAND.

A QUESTION WAS RAISED CONCERNING THE DEDICATION OF THE NAUVON TEMPLE BLOCK AND THE BRETHREN FELT THAT WE WOULD DEDICATE THE BLOCK WHEN WE DEDICATED THE RELIEF SOCIETY MEMORIAL.

IT WAS REPORTED BY THE BISHOPRIC & THE PURCHASE OF A NEW ADMINISTRATIVE HEADQUARTERS BUILDING IN ENGLAND.

MAY 16, 1977

CONSIDERATION WAS GIVEN TO A FINANCIAL FRACAS IN [REDACTED]. IT APPEARS THAT BROTHER [REDACTED] MADE FALSE REPRESENTATIONS AND SECURED SOME HEAVY FINANCING WHICH WOULD EMBARRASS THE CHURCH. IT WAS THOUGHT THAT HE WOULD NEED TO BE DISCIPLINED. IT WAS THOUGHT NECESSARY TO SAY THE NAME OF THE CHURCH IN [REDACTED]. BROTHER KIRTON AND OTHERS OF THE BRETHREN, BROTHER WELLS, BROTHER BRADFORD, HAD GONE INTO THE MATTER.



Wednesday, June 1, 1977

*See earlier journal  
entries for June 1-12*

Spent the morning in meetings. Met first at eight o'clock with my counsel then at 8:30 a.m. we met with Elders Joseph Anderson and G. Homer Durham concerning matters pertaining to the Historical Department. At 9:00 a.m. Elder Delbert L. Stapley came into our meeting to discuss the work of chiropractors.

At ten o'clock attended a meeting of the Church Board of Education, which lasted until noon.

At 1:30 p.m. Brother Joseph Ralph Thalman came in to receive the sealing power to be exercised in the Swiss Temple.

The Strawberry Queen and her attendants from Pleasant Grove, Utah, were in at 2:00 p.m. for a courtesy call and to deliver some delicious strawberries.

A group of about 350 young people from the Mesa Arizona Maricopa Stake and accompanied by Brother David K. Udall, 2nd counselor in the stake presidency came to the Church Offices as part of a tour they were taking and I met briefly at 2:15 p.m. with them/in the auditorium on the first floor.

Bruno Grezelli came in at 2:30 p.m. for a visit regarding

Went to the Deseret Management Corporation meeting at 3:30 p.m. and this was followed at 4:00 p.m. by a United Airlines Safety Seminar conducted by a Mr. Dirkmaat. President Ezra Taft Benson had made the arrangements for this seminar on airline safety for the information of the General Authorities, general auxiliary presidencies and general board members.

It was five o'clock before this seminar concluded and I went home shortly afterwards.

Thursday, June 2, 1977

The First Presidency invited Brother David M. Kennedy to meet with us this morning at 7:30 a.m. to give a report on his recent visit to countries in Europe.

Met further with my counselors until nine, when we went to the temple for our monthly meeting with all of the General Authorities.

President Ezra Taft Benson accompanied me back to my office from the temple for some brief consultation at 3:00 p.m., and at 3:30 p.m. Elder Marvin J. Ashton drove the members of the First Presidency out to Sandy, Utah, to inspect a piece of land as a proposed site for a temple.



Friday, June 3, 1977

At 7:30 this morning attended the Annual Meeting of the Bonneville International Corporation in Room A on the 19th Floor of the Church Offices. Returned to the 25th Floor about eight o'clock and met with my counselors for an hour before the members of the Presiding Bishopric came for their meeting with the First Presidency at 9:00 a.m. We had a long meeting with them which lasted until 12:4

Brother David C. Hoopes, a fine young man who had worked on the staff in the White House during the administration of President Gerald R. Ford, had stopped in the office for a brief visit and we invited him to go to lunch with us.

Claron Swenson and J. Earl Jones of the Church Security force came in to consult with me on some security matters at 1:00 p.m., and then at 1:15 Brother Graham Doxey came in to see me about

Ned  
Had an appointment at 2:00 p.m. with Dr./Mangelson.

At four o'clock I went over to KSL and recorded a special message for Pioneer Day which will be broadcast on KSL TV on July 24th.

Sunday, June 5, 1977



Monday, June 6, 1977

Remained at home and worked the entire morning there at my desk and then went to the office at 1:45 p.m. and worked there for about three hours before returning home.

Center that is being erected near west of the Salt Lake City airport. These men contributed \$11 million two years ago towards the construction of this center.

The afternoon was spent signing letters and taking care of other matters.

Met with my consultants in a meeting at 4:00 p.m. at which time I discussed with them the problem in France which was recently reported by President Jack T. Fuller of the France Paris Mission.

At the subject Elder Marvin J. Nelson was invited into the room and on a matter down in France which he had been asked to investigate.

Virginia Meyer and her grandmother from Thatcher, Arizona, came to pay a visit to LHS this afternoon.

At 2:00 p.m. gave the spelling sheet to the following women who will be working in the French Temp. C.

Josephine Peterson  
Janet Jones  
Alice Jones  
John Jones  
Helen Jones

Then at 2:30 p.m. the following women were given the spelling sheet to be corrected by the Salt Lake Temple.

Josephine Peterson  
Janet Jones  
Alice Jones  
John Jones  
Helen Jones



See earlier journal  
for June 3, 7, 9, 10, 11, 12

Tuesday, June 7, 1977

From eight until ten this morning met with my counselors in a First President meeting; then from ten until 12:15 we were in meeting with the Committee on Expenditures.

The afternoon was spent signing letters and taking care of other matters in my office.

Wednesday, June 8, 1977

Held a meeting of the First Presidency at eight o'clock this morning. At 9:45 a.m. I excused myself from the meeting and met with a Dr. Mohammed Khashoggi from Saudi Arabia and members of his family/who are here for the dedication of the new International Center that is being erected out west of the Salt Lake City airport. These gentlemen contributed \$11 million two years ago towards the construction of this center.

Met with my counselors in a meeting at ten o'clock to which we invited Elder Thomas S. Monson to give us a report on the problem in France which was recently reported by President Jack T. Fuller of the France Paris Mission.

At ten thirty Elder Marvin J. Ashton was invited into our meeting to report on a matter down in Samoa which he had been asked to investigate.

Virginia Macey and two of her grandchildren from Thatcher, Arizona, came in to pay a visit at 1:15 this afternoon.

At 2:00 p.m. gave the sealing power to the following brethren who will be working in the Provo Temple:

Joseph Nathaniel Symons  
Joseph Arben Jolley  
Alva Crosby Snow  
John Edwin Baird  
Morley Burt Christensen

Then at 2:30 p.m. the following brethren were given the sealing power to be exercised in the Salt Lake Temple:

George Ivins Cannon  
George Byard Roden  
Don Hans Rasmussen  
Walter Jay Eldredge  
Wilford Moyle Burton



Thursday, June 9, 1977

Thursday, June 9, 1977

Held a meeting with my counselors at eight this morning before going to our temple meeting with the Twelve at ten.

Returned from the temple about two o'clock and after some consultation with President Benson on some follow-up items and taking care of some of the mail went to meet an appointment I had with Dr. Ned Mangelson at 4:30 p.m. on my way home.

At ten thirty Elder Marvin J. Ashton was invited into our meeting to report on a matter down in Salem which he had been asked to investigate. Thomas S. Monson to give us a report on the problem in France which was recently reported by President Jack A. Baker of the France Paris Mission.

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At 5:00 p.m. gave the sealing power to the following brethren who will be working in the French Temple:  
Joseph Michael Lyons  
Joseph Nelson Jolley  
Alex Crosby Snow  
John Edwin Smith  
Murray Kent Christensen

At 5:30 p.m. the following brethren were given the sealing power to be assigned in the Salt Lake Temple:  
George John Cannon  
George Ward Cannon  
Donna Rasmussen  
Milton Jay Rasmussen  
Walter Ray Rasmussen



JOURNAL

JUNE 9, 1977

IT WAS REPORTED THAT THE CHURCH HAD URGED THE HOTEL UTAH TO CANCEL THE RESERVATION OF THE HOMOSEXUAL GROUP WHICH HAD MADE RESERVATIONS WITHOUT DISCLOSING THEIR IDENTITY.

A LETTER WAS READ FROM THE NEW STAKE IN KOREA EXPRESSING APPRECIATION FOR ELDER GORDON B. HINCKLEY AND HIS WORK THERE.

A LETTER FROM THE BISHOP OF THE CODY WYOMING WARD EXPRESSING APPRECIATION FOR THE SOLEMN ASSEMBLY LAST WEEK.

A LETTER FROM JOHN K. EDMUNDS, ASKING IF THE WIDOWS OF DECEASED GENERAL AUTHORITIES SHOULD CONTINUE TO USE THEIR LAMINATED TEMPLE RECOMMENDS AFTER THE DEATH OF THEIR HUSBANDS. IT WAS DECIDED THAT IT WOULD BE PERMISSIBLE FOR THESE SISTERS TO RETAIN THESE LAMINATED TEMPLE RECOMMENDS AS MEMENTOES BUT AFTER THE DEATH OF THEIR HUSBANDS THEY SHOULD RECEIVE AN ANNUAL RENEWAL OF THEIR RECOMMENDS AS DO OTHER MEMBERS OF THE STAKE.

IT WAS ASCERTAINED THAT TO TAKE THE CHOIR TO SOUTH AMERICA WOULD PROBABLY COST MORE THAN A HALF MILLION DOLLARS, AND IT WAS DECIDED TO BYPASS THE POSSIBLE CHOIR VISIT.

Friday, June 10, 1977

Had a short meeting with the Presiding Bishopric this morning and then about 10:00 a.m. left with Presidents Tanner and Romney and Elders Howard W. Hunter and Joseph Anderson and Arthur and drove to Manti, Utah, where we held a Solemn Assembly in the Manti Temple. (See copy of program.)



PROPOSED AGENDA FOR MANTI, UTAH SOLEMN ASSEMBLY

FRIDAY, JUNE 10, 1977

Pres. Kimball

Journal

PRESIDING AND CONDUCTING: PRESIDENT SPENCER W. KIMBALL  
LOCAL PLANNING COMMITTEE: PRESIDENTS WILBUR W. COX, MANTI UTAH  
STAKE; MELVIN J. RAMSAY, MORONI UTAH STAKE; AND ROGER M. ALLRED,  
MT. PLEASANT UTAH STAKE.  
OPENING HYMN BY CONGREGATION: "I NEED THEE EVERY HOUR" (3 MIN)  
(HYMN NO. 320)  
CHORISTER: MCLOYD ERICKSEN, MANTI UTAH STAKE  
ORGANIST: DAVID RASMUSSEN, GUNNISON UTAH STAKE  
INVOCATION: VERNON KUNZ, PATRIARCH, MANTI UTAH STAKE (2 MIN)  
SACRAMENT HYMN BY MALE CHORUS: "HOW GREAT THE WISDOM AND THE  
LOVE" (4 MIN)  
SACRAMENT SERVICES (20 MIN)  
PRESIDENT MARION G. ROMNEY (30 MIN)  
ELDER HOWARD W. HUNTER (15 MIN)  
CONGREGATIONAL HYMN: "HOW FIRM A FOUNDATION" (4 MIN)  
(HYMN NO. 313)  
ELDER JOSEPH ANDERSON (15 MIN)  
PRESIDENT N. ELDON TANNER (30 MIN)  
SPECIAL NUMBER BY MALE CHORUS: "FOR THE STRENGTH OF THE HILLS"  
(4 MIN)  
PRESIDENT SPENCER W. KIMBALL (35 MIN)  
CLOSING HYMN BY CONGREGATION: "WE THANK THEE, O GOD, FOR A  
PROPHET" (HYMN NO. 196) (4 MIN)  
BENEDICTION: PRESIDENT BLISS DANIELS, COUNSELOR IN MANTI TEMPLE  
PRESIDENCY (2 MIN)

168 min



Saturday, June 11, 1977

In company with Presidents N. Eldon Tanner, Marion G. Romney, and Elders Howard W. Hunter and Joseph Anderson and Arthur, flew to Boise, Idaho, where we held another Solemn Assembly for the priesthood leaders in that area. (See the copy of program followed.)

Returned to Salt Lake City this evening.

Sunday, June 12, 1977

Monday, June 13, 1977

Went to the office about one o'clock, having worked at home during the morning. Wayne Mack and a girl from Safford, Arizona, came to the office at 1:15 p.m. for some personal counseling.

At 3:30 p.m. the First Presidency had a meeting with President Glen L. Taggart of the Utah State University and a Brother Evanson, regarding

Went home about 4:15 and then this evening attended the the Kimball family reunion at the Olympus Stake Center, 27th East and 45th South.



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Tuesday, June 14, 1977

Met with my counselors at eight o'clock and then at nine the Presiding Bishopric came and met with us for an hour. At ten went to the 19th floor for the meeting of the Committee on Expenditures.

Tom Elliott, the son of Edith Smith Elliott and grandson of President George Albert Smith, was in to see me. We had received word shortly before of his mother's passing. She was in San Jose, California at the home of her daughter and son-in-law, Nancy and Dee Austin.

The following brethren were given in the sealing power to be exercised in the Salt Lake Temple today at 2:30 p.m.: Herald LaMar Carlston, Reed Douglas Andrew, and Bryan August Espenschied.

a neurologist

Had an appointment with Dr. Alvin J. Wirthlin, at the Salt Lake Clinic, this afternoon at 4:00.

This evening went with the Simonsens to the Theater of the Arts Pageant in American Fork and had a very enjoyable evening there.



Wednesday, June 15, 1977

In our First Presidency meeting this morning, we had a visit with the Mayor of Salt Lake City, Ted Wilson; the Salt Lake City commissioners; and the new Chief of Police, Mr. E. L. Willoughby. They had come to introduce Mr. Willoughby and discuss some of the crime problems in Salt Lake City.

At 8:30 a.m. we invited Brother F. Burton Howard into our meeting to discuss some matters pertaining to Mexico.

Brother Richard B. Sonne, who has recently been called as the new president of the Oakland Temple, came in for a short consultation about his new assignment at 11:15 a.m.

Went over to the Alta Club at noon to a luncheon of the U & I Sugar Company Board of Directors.

Dr. LeRoy Kimball was in to see me for a few minutes at 2:00 p.m., and then at 2:30 Brothers Eldon Jackson Facer and Wilford Woodruff Kirton, Jr., came by appointment and I conferred on them the sealing power to be used in the Salt Lake Temple.

Brother Graham Doxey was in at 2:45 for a short visit and at 3:00 p.m. Dr. Helmut Hofmann of Westminster College and a Shanna Booth came to see me about

Brother and Sister Albert Choules and Sister Choules parents, Brother and Sister Phillips, all from Arizona, were in for a personal visit at 3:45 p.m.

At 5:00 p.m. went up to the Larkin Mortuary for a viewing of Sister Jeanne Audrey Ness Smith, wife of Patriarch Eldred G. Smith, who had passed away on Monday.

Thursday, June 16, 1977

Met with my counselors for a couple of hours this morning and then adjourned at ten and went over to the temple/and met with the Twelve in our last meeting before the summer vacation period. It was after two o'clock before we concluded our meeting and returned to the office. President Benson came in for a few minutes after our meeting.

This afternoon at three thirty attended the funeral services for Sister Jeanne Audrey Ness Smith which were held in the Monument Park Stake Center.

Did not return to the office after the services.



Monday, June 20, 1977  
Friday, June 17, 1977

Held a short meeting with my counselors commencing at 8:00 a.m. and then the Presiding Bishopric came for their regular Friday morning meeting, which commenced at 9:00 and lasted until 11:00 a.m.

Brother Albert Choules stopped in to see me at 11:15 and after his visit went down to the Continental Bank. Camilla went with me and we talked to Mr. Gil Bean about *trusts*.

On my way out of the office this afternoon about one o'clock a Brother and Sister Handy, who had just returned from the Far East, met me and presented me with a book about

Camilla and I joined our dinner group at 2:00 p.m. at the Judd home up Weber Canyon and had a very delightful afternoon and evening with them. Did not get home until after nine o'clock.



Saturday, June 18, 1977

Friday, June 17, 1977

Sunday, June 19, 1977

Monday, June 20, 1977

Went to the office about 8:15 this morning and took care of several items and signed letters. Called Joseph McEwan's office regarding some of my personal tax papers and then at 10:00 had one of the security men take me down to Brother McEwan's office to deliver some papers to him.

Went over to the Deseret Gym at 10:30 for a haircut.

J. Reuben Clark, III, (the son of President J. Reuben Clark) and Brother Gordon B. Affleck stopped in for a short visit at 11:30 a.m. to see me about

Did not feel too well. Went home at noon. Had family home evening at our place tonight. Had a number of our family members present.



190 1/240 Tuesday, June 21, 1977

Held a First Presidency meeting at 8:00 a.m. which was followed at 10:00 by the Committee on Expenditures meeting.

At noon went to the Yale Ward and spoke at the funeral services of Sister Edith Smith Elliott, the last of President George Albert Smith's children to pass away. She had been living with her daughter and family in San Jose, California, at the time of her passing.

At 2:00 p.m. set apart Brother Frank A. Moscon as the new president of the Virginia Roanoke Mission. He came to my office accompanied by his wife and family.

At 2:30 p.m. the following brethren were in and I gave them the sealing power for use in the Salt Lake Temple: Arnold Roy Knapp, Theodore Christian Jacobsen, and John Peter Loscher.

Brothers Arza and Rulon Hinckley came to see me at 2:45 p.m. regarding

Another new mission president, Kirt M. Olson and his family were in at 3:00 p.m. and I set him apart to preside over the Colombia Bogota Mission.

The Consul General of Peru who is stationed in Los Angeles paid a courtesy call at the office at 3:30 p.m.

at 4:00 p.m.  
After talking with Elder Delbert L. Stapley/regarding

honoring Brother and Sister Phillip left the office and this evening attended a dinner and social gathering/ Sonntag, who will be leaving soon to preside over the New Zealand Christchurch Mission. This was held at the home of Donald and Helen Lloyd, 2045 East 1300 South.



Wednesday, June 22, 1977

Met with Presidents Tanner and Romney at eight o'clock. At 11:30 went over to the Salt Lake Temple and performed the marriage ceremony for Brad Parker and his bride, Valerie Johnson.

Friday, June 24, 1977

This afternoon between 2:45 and 3:45 set apart the following new mission presidents to preside over the missions as indicated:

Max C. Mortensen	Indiana Indianapolis Mission
Layton B. Jones	Philippines Davao Mission
John R. Poulton	New Mexico Albuquerque Mission
Bruce M. Gibson	Chile Santiago South Mission

This evening attended the wedding reception for Brad and Valerie Parker.

Thursday, June 23, 1977

This morning at eight o'clock was the opening session of the seminar for new mission presidents who have recently been called and will be going to their fields of labor in a few days. There are 54 of them, the largest group ever sent out at one time. I addressed the group at 8:30 and then stayed and listened to the balance of the program this morning.

Returned to my office briefly before going to the 26th floor for a luncheon in connection with the seminar. Also attended for about an hour a portion of the afternoon's program.

Had consultation with President Tanner and also with Elder Thomas S. Monson before going home about five o'clock.

This evening at 6:30 went to the home of Elder Bruce R. McConkie and attended a dinner for the new mission presidents who have been assigned to preside in missions in the eastern portion of South America.



President Kimball  
JOURNAL -- Trip to Florida

*Original to  
Bro. Haycock*

Friday, June 24, 1977

Camilla and I left Salt Lake City in company with Arthur and his wife, Maurine, Friday morning, June 24, at 9:35 a.m. We left on board American Airlines, flight #176, arriving in Chicago on time at 1:23 p.m. We then had a long, long walk from <sup>the</sup> American arrival area to the Eastern concourse where we departed on Eastern, flight #211, at 2:35 p.m. We arrived in Orlando, Florida, on time at 6:02 p.m. the same evening. We were met at the airport by Harvey and Margaret Dahl from the Deseret Ranches and a representative of the Mayor and the airport manager. Harvey had a car right on the field next to the plane. We got in that and drove directly to the baggage area where we picked up our baggage in a matter of minutes and then departed at once for the Sheraton Twin Towers Hotel.

We no sooner arrived than a heavy downpour of rain came and a severe electrical storm. This brought much needed moisture and cooled off the otherwise very hot and muggy temperature.

Harvey had picked up our key so we were preregistered and went immediately to the fourth floor to rooms 432, 433, and 434. Harvey and Arthur on either side of us in our room 433.

After a brief rest, I went downstairs to the lobby in company with Harvey Dahl and Arthur and met Brother Murray Rawson, former Mission



President in Florida, and Chief Buffalo Tiger of the Micossukee Indian tribe of Miami. They are cousins to the Seminole Indians. Buffalo Tiger is a tall, handsome and well-educated man and has been chief of his tribe of approximately 450 Indians for some years now. He is very much interested in the Church and was the first of the chiefs in Florida to tell Brother Murray Rawson that the teachings of their tribe were lost and he, the chief, thought they were buried in New York. Many years ago the chief lived in the New York area.

I had inquired of Murray Rawson earlier when he sought to make the appointment just what Buffalo Tiger wanted to see me about, and his answer was that I had been a great friend of the Indians and the chief wanted to meet me and become better acquainted.

We had a pleasant visit for about 45 minutes and then Chief Buffalo Tiger and Murray Rawson left and the six of us went in and had a light supper and then returned to our rooms to retire for the night.

Saturday, June 25, 1977

Arose early and drove out to Disney World where we were given special consideration and some courtesy tickets. Rode the monorail and then went in to see the very remarkable presentation in the "Hall of the Presidents." I am endeavoring to get a transcript of the message there of some of the talks given by various Presidents, including President Abraham Lincoln, who gave one talk which ended with the statement that he was convinced that

man had been made for immortality. He also gave the famous talk at what point should we watch for the point of invasion. He said that no foreign nation could ever take a drink from the Ohio River or set foot on the Blue Ridge Mountains. If ever we were to fall, it would be from the danger within.

(Attach copy of talk)

Although there was what seemed to us to be a big crowd, it was a light day. We were able to go right in, without waiting, to the "Hall of the Presidents" and then went to another lighthearted show called, "The Music of the Bears," which Brother and Sister Dahl wanted us to see. It was a delightful animated song and dance program by some artificial bears. We



then rode a horse-drawn carriage down Main Street back to the monorail which took us over to the Disneyland Hotel where we had a nice salad for lunch and then departed.

We went directly from there to the Cypress Gardens and arrived in time to see an excellent display of water skiing and men flying on the water kites which are pulled by fast-moving speedboats. We then took an electric boat along the canals through the cypress groves, which was very quiet and informative.

Following this pleasant visit to the Cypress Gardens, which is a very beautiful place, we drove directly to the hotel and after a brief rest got changed into our formal clothes, Camilla in her long dress and me in my tuxedo, and went downstairs in the Sheraton Towers for the Golden Plate Achievement Award dinner. Although the dinner was about the poorest that I have ever eaten--cold and lacking in flavor and taste--the occasion was a gala one. There were many notables there, some of whom were being honored and others who had been honored in years gone by. Lowell Thomas was Master of Ceremonies, Helen Hayes was the Co-chairman, Judge John Sirica was there and the special prosecutor, Leon Jaworski, Howard Cosell, the sports announcer, several radio, TV and movie characters, also Alex Haley, the black writer who was the author of the book, "Roots", also the Secretary of the Navy, General of the Marines, who heads up the Marines, and a daring General from Israel who led the/raid to Entebbe where they rescued the hostages being held by Idi Amin in Africa. Dinner and program lasted until after 11 o'clock and then we retired to our beds.



Sunday, June 26, 1977

At 10 o'clock, we checked out of the hotel and left with Brother and Sister Dahl and drove to their home (the manager's home) at Deseret Ranches, about 50 miles south and east of Orlando, where we had a very lovely guest room with private bath. We spent the day visiting and resting, and at 6 o'clock in the evening attended sacrament meeting in the Ellsworth Ward, Orlando Florida Stake. The chapel is just five miles up the road from Brother Dahl's home and, of course, is on the ranch. The ranch is owned by the Church and has 300,000 acres. Most of it is in pasture for cattle. There are 60,000 head of cattle and about 30,000 acres of oranges and grapefruit and then large groves of cypress wood which is being harvested. There are more than 80 employees on the ranch, plus their families. All live on the ranch and seem very contented and happy. The speakers were President Freeman E. Baggett, president of the Orlando Florida Stake, Maurine Haycock, Arthur Haycock, Camilla and myself. There had been some announcement ahead of time so we had several hundred in attendance. Unfortunately, the air conditioning had broken down during the day so it was very hot and humid. Also the public address system was faulty and the speaker made a great deal of noise with static.

At the close of the meeting, we shook hands with a number of people and then returned to the home and a short while later, President Freeman Baggett and his family came by and visited briefly on their way back to Orlando. Then two of Brother Dahl's assistants, Assistant Manager, Brother Oscar Crosby and his wife, and Brother Robert Justesen and his wife, came by



and visited, and then we had supper together and then family prayer before they returned.

Monday, June 27, 1977

Arose early and went for a nice walk over to the highway, which is about a block from the home, and saw the orange groves across the street. After breakfast, we went for a ride with our entire group all around the ranch, at least a part of it, and saw a great deal of wild life, pigs, deer, and wild boar, and lots of beautiful birds.

We then drove over to the Kennedy Space Center, about 40 miles away on the Atlantic Coast, where we had lunch at the cafeteria and then at 1:30 met with Mr. Lee R. Scherer, Director of the United States Space Exploration Program. We visited with him in his office and board room where he showed us a number of slides on the program's space shots that had gone on before and what is scheduled for the future. The next shot will be July 14 for Japan--a weather satellite--and then presently being tested in California is a space shuttle ship now being tested with a 747 as a piggyback. When it is perfected, it will be launched into the atmosphere and will be able to carry a big payload and repair other satellites and assist in rescue operations and other important things. It can stay up for a month or more.

Mr. Scherer's assistant, Mr. Taylor, then took us in an air-conditioned limousine over to the assembly building, which is one of the

largest buildings, if not the largest building in square footage any where in the world (fifty stories high) and is where the satellites are assembled. A giant Caterpillar platform then moves underneath it and transports it to the launching pad. It takes seven hours to take it to the launching pad, a distance of about three miles.

We then went into the actual room where the operations of the launch are conducted and had a demonstration of the last three minutes of the most recent launching, a very dramatic and a very graphic demonstration with the actual sounds and communications of those last three minutes of a satellite that rendezvoused with the Russian satellite.

We then had a view of the entire operation and then went outside and saw a satellite which had been set up in its various sections, which was very interesting indeed. Mr. Taylor then gave us each a book,

which goes into great detail about this program.

We then returned back to the ranch and after supper, just at evening time, went for a drive over part of the acreage and saw dozens of deer and wild pigs, saw a bobcat and many beautiful birds. While we were at the space site, we saw an alligator in a lake nearby.

After we returned from the Kennedy Space Center, we all went horseback riding with Brother and Sister Dahl and Brother and Sister Crosby out into the woods behind the house. We had a delightful time, then returned, and after our ride through the ranch to see the deer and the pigs and the other animals, we had family home evening. The subject was patriarchal blessings.



Tuesday, June 28, 1977

Arose early and left at 7:30 and went to a nearby lake. All of us went fishing. We took turns going out in a boat and trolling while others fished from the shore. We caught several fish each and had a very pleasant time. We then returned to the house and had breakfast.

After breakfast and a brief rest, we then rode out on the ranch to some of the canals and there we took a ride on an airboat. It is a flat-bottomed plastic boat, driven by <sup>a</sup> huge airplane propeller. Brother Robert Justesen was the operator. He uses the airboat to patrol the rivers and the canals to look for poachers, those who come in and steal the deer, the pigs and the cattle. Camilla and I went first, a distance of about 20 miles or more up the canal and out into the Saint Johns River and over to a large lake which opens on to the Atlantic Ocean. By using this system of canals, you could travel all the way to Miami, Florida. We had a delightful time. In places, we came to large patches of water lilies or water hyacinth and could see no water at all, but the airboat just sailed right up on top of those without any difficulty. It was a very wonderful experience. We then returned and Arthur and Maurine went for a ride while the rest of us fished, and then Brother and Sister Dahl took a ride on the airboat and then all returned to the home for further rest and relaxation.

At 6:30 p.m., we went about five miles down the road to the rodeo grounds where the whole ranch community--all the families and their children--turned out for a hamburger fry, made of delicious beef. We had hamburgers,

baked beans, potato chips and soft drinks--all that we could eat--and ice cream bars for desert. Following that, Brother Dahl, Arthur and I went for a horseback ride, and then we watched the rodeo, riding of bulls and roping of cows and calves by the men and boys on the ranch. We had a delightful time. The weather was good, and everyone was very happy and congenial. We then returned to the home late in the evening, ready for a good night's rest.

Wednesday, June 29, 1977

Arose early and got on a bicycle and had a little ride up and down the road on the bicycle, then went across the road to the orange grove and rode with a black operator of a tractor that was pulling a large mowing machine cutting the grass between the orange trees. The rows were about three quarters of a mile long. I rode up and back with him.

Then we returned and had breakfast and then Arthur, Maurine and I got into the car and drove over to a nearby canal to see a large alligator, and on our way, we saw a beautiful mother deer (a doe) with two young fawns. They just stood and looked at us. They were very beautiful.



We then went back where the black man was operating the mowing machine, and I had my picture taken on the tractor. Brother Dahl then came and met us, and we returned to the house and got packed, ready to leave.

At 10:30 a. m., Brother and Sister Oscar Crosby and his wife, Maurine, came to say good-bye to us. He is the assistant manager. We then drove to the airport at Orlando and checked in and boarded Eastern Airlines, flight #210, for Chicago, leaving there at 12:00 noon, arriving in Chicago at 1:24 central time. We were met by agents of the Eastern Airlines and taken to their private lounge where we waited for the departure of our next flight. In the meantime, we were able to talk on the telephone with our son Spencer at the law school and then with his wife Kathryn. Both Camilla and I had a good visit with them on the phone.

We then departed at 3:50 p. m. on American, flight #633, for Salt Lake City, arriving on time at 5:54 p. m.. We were met at the airport by our driver who brought me a large envelope of mail that had accumulated at the office during my absence. We will be back in the harness again tomorrow morning. We have had a pleasant and lovely time and have been able to relax and get away from the telephone. We have acquired some sun-tan, and all in all, with the low altitude, feel much better. So we look forward to getting back to the office.



Friday, June 24, 1977

Went to the office for about an hour and took care of some last minute details, then at 9:35 a.m. Arthur and Maurine, and Camilla and I took American Airlines, Flight #176 for Chicago where we will change planes and then fly on to Orlando, Florida, for the Annual Gold Plate Awards Banquet sponsored by the American Academy of Achievement.

At 8:30 a.m. Sister G. Lewis Smith was invited to take time out of her morning to consider some people's opinions. Specifically whether the presentation of the award is to be performed in temples other than the Salt Lake Temple.

Then at 9:00, Sister Barbara Smith, President of the Salt Lake Temple, came in to give a report on the International Women's Year Conference that was held recently in the Salt Palace Hotel in Salt Lake City.

This afternoon at 2:30 I conferred the duties given on Brother Joseph Smith and Nelson Charles Smith to be performed in the future. I also conferred the duties given on Brother Sherman Adams Lindholm to be performed in the future.

Sister Paul H. Smith came in for a short time to see me. She was very happy to see me and we talked for a while. I also saw Dr. Dan McPherson.

Wednesday, June 23, 1977

Returned to Salt Lake City about 6:00 p.m.

Saturday, June 25, 1977

Attended the Gold Plate Dinner in Orlando, Florida.

Sunday, June 26, 1977

In Florida

Monday, June 27, 1977

In Florida

Tuesday, June 28, 1977

In Florida

Wednesday, June 29, 1977

Returned to Salt Lake City about 6:00 p.m.



Thursday, June 30, 1977

We invited Elders Joseph Anderson, Henry D. Taylor and William H. Bennett to meet with us in our First Presidency meeting this morning at eight o'clock to review and discuss with them some of their responsibilities in connection with the assignment they have with restoration of blessing cases, divorce clearances, and sealing cancellations.

At 8:30 a.m. Elder O. Leslie Stone was invited to come into our meeting to consider some temple matters, specifically whether vicarious restoration of blessings is to be performed in temples other than the Salt Lake Temple.

Then at 9:00, Sister Barbara Smith, President of the Relief Society, came in to give a report on the International Women's Year Conference that was held recently in the Salt Palace here in Salt Lake City.

This afternoon at 2:30 I conferred the sealing power on Brothers Scott Walker Salmon and Nelson Church Bleak to be exercised in the London Temple while they are serving there as temple missionaries. I also conferred the sealing power on Brother Sherman Adams Lindholm to be exercised in the Washington, D.C., Temple.

Elder Paul H. Dunn came to my office for a short visit at 4:00 p.m. and soon afterwards I left the office to meet an appointment I had with my doctor, Dr. Ned Mangelson.





Friday, July 1, 1977

From 8:00 until 11:00 a.m. we held a Church Board of Education meeting this morning and at 11:00 the First Presidency met with the members of the Council of the Twelve to consider

This afternoon at 2:00 had a nice visit with Brother Quinn McKay and his wife.

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Brother Frank/Moscon came to see me at 2:45 prior to his leaving to serve as the new president of the Virginia Roanoke Mission.

A group of 90 Saints from the Chalco Mexico Stake, who had been to a temple excursion in Mesa, Arizona, and had continued on up to Provo and Salt Lake City, called on me this afternoon about three o'clock. There were several bishops among them and they were all the sweetest people. We met in the auditorium on the main floor and Bishop Elias R. Torres of the Lucero Ward here in Salt Lake City introduced them and then acted as interpreter. Each man, woman and child in the group embraced and kissed me when I entered and repeated it when I left. It was<sup>a</sup> heartwarming and faith promoting experience to be with these good and wonderful people.

After I got back to the office, President D. Thomas Stapley, Sr., his wife and daughter, who have just recently/~~returned~~ been released from serving in the Washington Seattle Mission, came in to visit me on their way home from their mission.

Left the office for the day a little before four o'clock.



Saturday, July 2, 1977

Sunday, July 3, 1977

Flew down to Oakland, California, in company with my counselors and Arthur and reorganized the presidency of the Oakland Temple in a special meeting with the temple workers which was held in the Oakland Interstake Center. Richard B. Sonne was installed as the new temple president with Horace B. Ritchie as the first counselor and D. Ross McClellan as the second; replacing President W. Lowell Castle-ton, Reed H. Shase and Cornell E. Jarmon.

Monday, July 4, 1977

Holiday - Independence Day, the offices were closed.



Tuesday, July 5, 1977

Met with my counselors in a First Presidency meeting from eight until ten. Then from ten until eleven fifteen we attended the meeting of the Committee on Expenditures.

Weston Nordgren came in at 11:15 a.m. to my office for counseling regarding a special sealing request he had made.

Brother Harvey Dahl, the manager of the Church ranches in Florida, stopped in for a short visit.

At 2:00 p.m. Sister Emma A.M. Oehlke, a sweet little German lady, came to give me another contribution, this time it was \_\_\_\_\_.

Stopped at the Salt Lake Clinic on my way home to see Dr. Ernest Wilkinson regarding

Wednesday, July 6, 1977

Had a meeting with my counselors from eight until nine forty-five. Elder Gordon B. Hinckley was in to see me for an hour between 9:45 and 10:45 this morning to discuss

DeVar Felshaw came in at 11:15 a.m., and at noon Brother Shelby Arrigona, the newly called president of the Belgium Brussels Mission, and his family came in to pay their respects before leaving for their assignment in Belgium.

At 1:00 p.m. Joseph Jensen, by request of Dr. Ernest Wilkinson, came to my office to fit me for a back brace. It is felt this will give me some good support for my back, which has been causing me some discomfort lately.

Elder David B. Haight came in to see me at 1:45 p.m. regarding

While about 4:30  
/Brothers Arch Madsen and Joseph Kjar were waiting in the foyer/to see President Tanner, ~~xx~~ I invited them into my office and showed them the many gifts and other remembrances that have been given to me by various members and organizations and had a nice visit with these brethren for a few minutes.

Went home about 5:15 this afternoon.



Thursday, July 7, 1977

Met with my counselors in a First Presidency meeting this morning at eight.  
At 8:45 we invited Elder Howard W. Hunter into our meeting to consider

Our meeting lasted until about eleven o'clock. Signed some letters and reviewed the mail and then got a short rest in my office.

Went home early this afternoon.



Friday, July 8, 1977

Held a First Presidency meeting at 8:00 followed at 9:00 with a meeting with the Presiding Bishopric which lasted until about 11:00.

A Sister Hering of East Germany, who was visiting in Salt Lake City and had just gone through the temple, came in to see me and shake hands about eleven this morning.

At 11:30 this morning, conferred the sealing power to be used in the Salt Lake Temple on Brother Franklin Spencer Gonzalez.

Brother Hector Legacy of Bellingham, Washington, brought his wife and family in to meet me at 12:30 this afternoon.

At 2:45 p.m. Elder Bruce R. McConkie came to my office to see me about

Had a visit with a family by the name of Harris from Lethbridge, Alberta, Canada, at 3:15 p.m., followed by some consultation with Bishop J. Richard Clark and Brother R. Quinn Gardner on some welfare matters at 3:30 and then left the office for the day at 4:00 p.m.

Saturday, July 9, 1977

Spent the day at Brother Simonsen's cabin.

Sunday, July 10, 1977

Monday, July 11, 1977

Spent the day at home.



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Tuesday, July 12, 1977

Spent most of the day in meetings--from 8:00 until 9:00 with my counselors, then from 10:00 until 11:15 a.m. in the Committee on Expenditures. At 11:30 met with President Romney and Elder Joseph Anderson and after lunch at about 1:15 met with Elder Thomas S. Monson on some missionary matters.

Robert Smith came in at 1:45 and at 2:00 p.m. Nick Eyring was in and presented me with a beautiful quilt.

Diana Stevens came in at 2:15 p.m. to see me.

Monday, July 11, 1977

Spent the day at home.



Wednesday, July 13, 1977

My counselors and I met this morning from 8:00 until 9:30. I worked at my desk the rest of the morning.

A group of Laurel girls from Las Vegas were in to see me at 1:30 this afternoon and I visited briefly with them.

Sister Maloy was in for a short visit between 1:45 and 2:00 also this afternoon.

At 2:45 p.m. Elder Delbert L. Stapley came to my office to see me about

and at 3:30 Patriarch Eldred G. Smith came at my invitation to see me regarding



Thursday, July 14, 1977

From 8:00 until 10:15 a.m. met with my counselors in a regular morning meeting to consider various matters of importance.

[REDACTED] came in at 10:30 a.m. regarding some personal problems she is having.

At 12:00 noon went up to the Fort Douglas Country Club for a luncheon in honor of Brother Percy K. Fetzer prior to his leaving soon to preside over the Swiss Temple.

Went home afterwards and this evening had the Eyring Family to our place for dinner.

Friday, July 15, 1977

Brother Edmund Lee McDougal came to my office this morning at 7:30 and I conferred upon him the sealing power to be exercised in the Salt Lake Temple.

Robert O. Anderson, Chairman of the Board & Chief Executive Officer of Atlantic Richfield Corporation, came to pay a courtesy call on the First Presidency at 8:00 a.m. Mr. Anderson, an Episcopalian, is here to address the Tenth Circuit Judicial Conference on "Energy and Governance." We had a very pleasant half hour visit.

Bishop Wendell Eugene Petty of the El Paso 8th Ward brought a fine group of young people in to meet me and shake hands. They had come to Salt Lake City on a special trip. They were all so neat and well dressed, it was a pleasure to met them.

At 11:00 a.m. Elder James E. Faust and Brother Wendell J. Ashton were invited to meet with the First Presidency to consider some ~~XXXXXX~~ legislature that is before Congress regarding the deregulation of the airlines and some of the results it may have on transportation by the Church.

Left at 11:30 for Provo to attend the Eyring Family Reunion. Had lunch at Joe Eyring's place in Provo and this evening went up Provo Canyon for a lovely family dinner.

My brother, Delbert, arrived from Chico, California, this evening for a short visit.



Saturday, July 16, 1977

Spent the day at home visiting with my brother, Delbert, who had to return to California this evening.

At 4:30 p.m. went to the Sugarhouse Park and attended another portion of the Eyring Family Reunion.

Sunday, July 17, 1977

This morning at eight o'clock spoke to the priesthood members of the Salt Lake Central Stake who were assembled in the 11th Ward Chapel.

Monday, July 18, 1977

Worked at home most of the day. Stopped by the office only briefly this afternoon about 3:30 to check the mail and sign some letters.

Mr. Edward L. Kibbell  
1. Neuharck Clark Building  
Law School, Room 434  
William Young University



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At 5:30 a.m. to the morning session of the day. The session was held in the morning at 5:30 a.m. and lasted for about an hour.

Sunday, July 17, 1977

This morning at eight o'clock went to the Episcopal church of the Holy Trinity. The service was held in the morning at 8:00 a.m. and lasted for about an hour.



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May 11, 1989

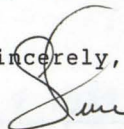
Mr. Edward L. Kimball  
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Law School, Room 434  
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Dear Brother Kimball:

Enclosed, you will find the signed document acknowledging the receipt of the 1977-1981 diaries of President Spencer W. Kimball by the Historical Department. In order that the Department may have an original copy of a receipt, please complete the enclosed blank receipt form, include your initialed addendum, and return the same to me. I apologize for my oversight on this matter and any inconvenience it may cause you.

Thank you again for your kindness and patience in working out the details of this transaction. You have been most cordial and cooperative.

Sincerely,



Steven R. Sorensen, Manager  
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This receipt acknowledges that Edward L. Kimball ("Borrower") has  
returned to the Historical Department on behalf of the First  
Presidency of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints  
("Owner") the diaries of President Spencer W. Kimball for the  
period 1977 to 1981.

Edward L. Kimball  
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Borrower

Spencer W. Kimball  
Owner's representative

May 9, 1989  
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NOTES ON 1977 JOURNAL after the end of that for which I (ELK) have complete copy

7/22 disc. RS presy monuments they have suggested be erected in Nauvoo; meeting with Graham Doxey; learned of Johnstown flood, 37 known dead

7/25 largest parade in Utah history; 1P rode at head of parade

7/27 visit with Suresh Chander Verma, convert from India and first missionary to be called from that country, will serve in England London Mission (see Ch.News 8/6/77)

7/29 on way with NET to Eden, Utah, home, tied up in traffic for 1 1/2 hr. because explosives truck tipped over in N.Salt Lake and traffic was stopped; stayed overnight in Eden

7/30 ret. home

8/1 felt miserable during wedding ceremony for Scott Eyring Calder and Jean Oblad

8/2 "Fred Baker displayed some pictures [to 1P] and explained the Mountain Meadows in Southern Utah is in good condition and is well kept up and that it is appropriately maintained.

"...  
"The matter of ordaining a Brother Richal to the priesthood was considered. It has been reported that he was black. It was decided that unless there was good evidence that Brother Richal has Negro blood, he may be advanced in the priesthood.

"It was decided that a man who had been convicted of manslaughter and also had been very guilty of immorality on many occasions should not be baptized. Such cases should be brought to the Council of the First Presidency and Quorum of the Twelve"; dentist

8/3 "At eight o'clock this morning we invited Brother Graham Doxey into the First Presidency meeting where we considered the Missouri Land Fund Program.

"At 8:30 and for most of the morning the First Presidency met with Elders GBH, JEFaust, NAMaxwell and Brother Wilford W. Kirton, Jr.

"We learned that the judge has forbidden Brother Kirton from representing the Church in the case of Douglas A. Wallace from Oregon, who has caused us a very great deal of concern and annoyance. Totally without authority from anyone, he baptized a black boy and then proceeded to ordain him to the priesthood. He was determined to come to the General Conference where he





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hoped to have a confrontatin with me. We got a restraining order to keep him out of the Conference. He was excommunicated from the Church.

"Mr. Wallace has presented a circular offering to give public addressed on the following subjects:

The Mormon concept of the 'Kingdom of God'

The Mormon 'prophet' as the king of the earth 'kingdom'

The secrte 'council of fifty (YTFIF)' (planned conspiracy)

The sophisticated spy network of the 'kingdom'

The economic impact of Mormonism as a conquest device

Mormon infiltration of federal agencies

Mormon blood atonement doctrine as assassination justification

Mormonism, a modern anti-Christ?

How to combat this menace!

8/4 Gov. Matheson met with 1P, Kennedy present; to Provo to speak at Genealogy Seminar at BYU

8/5 BIC; performed marriage for Chris Kimball and Linda Kay Hoffman

8/10 flew to NY, stay with Andy in Fairfield 8/11

8/12 to London

8/13 to Zurich and Berne

8/14 reorganize temple presidency [REDACTED]

8/15 to Vienna and meet with saints and missionaries

8/16 to Milan and meet with saints and missioanries

8/17 to Venice and drive to Padova for meet.w.saints and miss.

8/18 to Rome for meet.

8/19 to Catania, meet.

8/20 to London

8/21 attend London North Stake conf; sp.blessings at London temple

8/22 to Warsaw

8/23 meet Kr. Kakol, minister of religion

8/24 meet with saints n park and dedicate land; fly to East Berlin and meet saints in Dresden; to West Berlin for dinner with leaders

8/25 meet with missionaries of Hamburg and W. Berlin; fly to Chicago

8/26 to SLC; tired but very happy with successful trip

8/27 marriage for Spencer Mack and Jane Neubert; Mormon Youth Sym. & Chorus concert

8/28 spoke to youth of Woods Cross Region

8/29 sealing of Jesse Udall and Lillian Jenkins

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8/30 set apart Roger K. for Argentine Rosario mission

8/31 DMCorp.

9/2 moving back into 47 E. So. Temple after 2 years and 2 months of remodeling

9/6 spoke at BYU devotional and to student officers; lunch; meet with 102 HBL and SWK scholars; visit family members in Provo

[9/7-9/12 appear to be written by SWK personally]

9/7 during Bd. of Ed. meeting "I began to turn ill. I became very much dizzy and when it had progressed to the point where I could hardly stand it, I whispered to Brother Tanner that I was in trouble and he called a halt in the meeting and two of the brethren picked up my chair with me in it and carried me out and through the girls' offices and into my own new room, to which we had moved from the high rise building on September 2 and 3. ...The boys carried me to the lounge and I became very ill and did much vomiting and retching and after the vomiting they called the doctor, the nurses and the ambulance. When I ceased vomiting, they carried me out to the ambulance and drove me to the hospital where I spent of the balance of the day taking tests. Dr. Ernest Wilkinson and Dr. Russell Nelson, my doctors, were very kind and attentive. ...by the evening I was feeling much better."

9/8 by evening went home to sleep in own bed

9/9 was at office by 8, a great deal of business that was very important; home about noon to rest; many people expressing concern

9/10 to Great Falls by air, then drove to Cardston. The streets were filled with men, women and children waiting to see us; dinner with temple presidency

9/11 up at 5 fasting, installed new temple presidency; counselors [REDACTED]

"I gave a considerable explanation of the program and instructed the people." blessed small child, a grandson of retiring temple president Elmo Fletcher. "The child, I think, is Mongoloid. We were devout in our prayers and hope the Lord may feel disposed to correct the difficulty." drove back to Great Falls and flew to SLC

9/12 "we had a delightful dinner at our home consisting of our own garden. We have followed our own suggestions and encouragement and Camilla had planted a garden. Nearly all of the dinner came from our garden -- tomatoes, spinach, squash, string beans. Besides these

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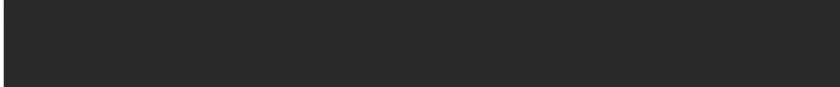
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9/14 Kennedy

9/15 caught cold

9/19 MGR 80th birthday; Henry A. Smith brought in some material for help with talks

9/20 dentist

9/21 went home about 6 o'clock feeling rather dizzy and weak

9/22 called Kikuchi in Japan and invited him to come to Genl Conf

9/23 BIC

9/26 working on conf. talks; disc. with Security abt Conf "and their work with the FBI concerning the LeBaron cultist group"

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10/7 interview w. Geo. Jones for USNews & World Rept, appeared 12/19/77 [inclusion of this here --in perfect alignment with the rest--suggests entry was created or at least typed a couple of months later]

10/10 1P drove to Sandy and Draper to look at property suggested for possible temple site

10/12 Wallace Stegner interview for article for

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*see 2/31/78  
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different "questions"

10/18 Graham Doxey, etc.; Cannon-Hinckley study group dinner

10/19 "After our meeting, met individually with the following members of the First Quorum of Seventy: A. Theodore Tuttle, James E. Faust, Neal A. Maxwell, Dean L. Larsen, M. Russell Ballard, Royden G. Derrick, and James M. Paramore to present them each with a copy of the new book written about me by my son and grandson."

see 12/13

10/20 "invited Bishop Victor L. Brown and Elders O. Leslie Stone, William H. Bennett and Brother Del Anderson to come to my office where I presented each of them with an autographed copy of the new book written about my life." ;discus. Dan Dipty with Harold Brown from Pers. Welfare Services

10/28 flu shots

11/1 to Provo to dedicate Osmond studios

11/2 had picture taken in connection with new book that my son Ed has written; spoke at dinner for ELW, former pres. of BYU

11/4 to Ogden to speak at Weber State; visited patients at hospital; saw Hansen twins joined at head

11/6 dedicate remodeled Bountiful Tabernacle

11/7 recorded Christmas message; interview with reporter for Manchester Guardian

11/9 disc. area conf and temple dedication in Brazil; "At 9:00 a.m. Elders Thomas S. Monson and Neal A. Maxwell came to discuss the AMDRP organization in Paris." [what is that??]

? earlier ref. to problems in France.

11/11 Pres. Lorenzo Hoopes of Oakland Cal. Stake related



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11/15 Kennedy

11/16 60th wedding anniversary; family came to home

11/18 BIC; saw special showing of new commercial film "Brigham"

11/20 spoke to SLValley seminary students in Tabernacle

11/23 marriage

11/25 to Phoenix; [REDACTED]

11/28 return to SLC

11/29 former Pres. Gerald Ford made courtesy call; dinner honoring J. Willard Marriott upon publication of biography; Ford, NET and SWK spoke

11/30 DMCorp mtg; to Logan for funeral of Alma Sonne, who died at 93

12.2 flew to San Antonio for dinner with church leaders of 5 stakes and mission (rec'd painting by Sister Andyth Haecker of Texas bluebonnets)

12/3 missionary meeting; counselled with former bishop who felt released under "unusual circumstances" when stake was divided and that Spanish-speaking members have not been well enough represented in leadership; to see Alamo and San Antonio River walk; dinner with 5 stake presidencies and mision presidency; meeting for 10,000-12,000 members and friends; sound system was poor and Spanish translation was so loud it competed with main talk

12/4 to Orlando, to Deseret Ranches, about 50 miles away; fireside for 1000

12/5 "we went fishing. Camilla caught two bass and two speckled fish. I caught some speckled fish, but others were not so fortunate. There was a high wind, and the waves were splashing in the boat so that some of us got wet, and it was rather dangerous. So we stayed in the calmer waters which were not as good for fishing"

12/6 to Sea World; Fountain Fantasy had water synchronized to correspond with Christmas music, beautiful display; water ski show; fed porpoises; demonstration of Shamu the killer whale; dolphin





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12/7 Camilla's 83rd birthday "it is wonderful to have her with me and to be in such good health. I am grateful for her and for our life together." return to SLC, much warmer in 50s than 35s in FL and 14 degrees in Atlanta; to UU for Tab Choir Christmas dinner and program

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[DGK, born 9/16/1890 in Brigham City, Utah]

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12/21 disc. RS monument in Nauvoo; Kennedy; Ute tribal leaders discussed their concerns about Central Utah Water Project, which will deliver their water to Wasatch Front; they feel BY and Church tried to help them in early days but now treaties are being broken; they ask church help

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12/30 attended last organ recital by Alexander Schreiner, retiring after 53 yrs

[I noted in 1977 all visits by Kennedy and Doxey because of their special assignments; listing of other visitors, w/o identification of subject, is essentially meaningless to me.]

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